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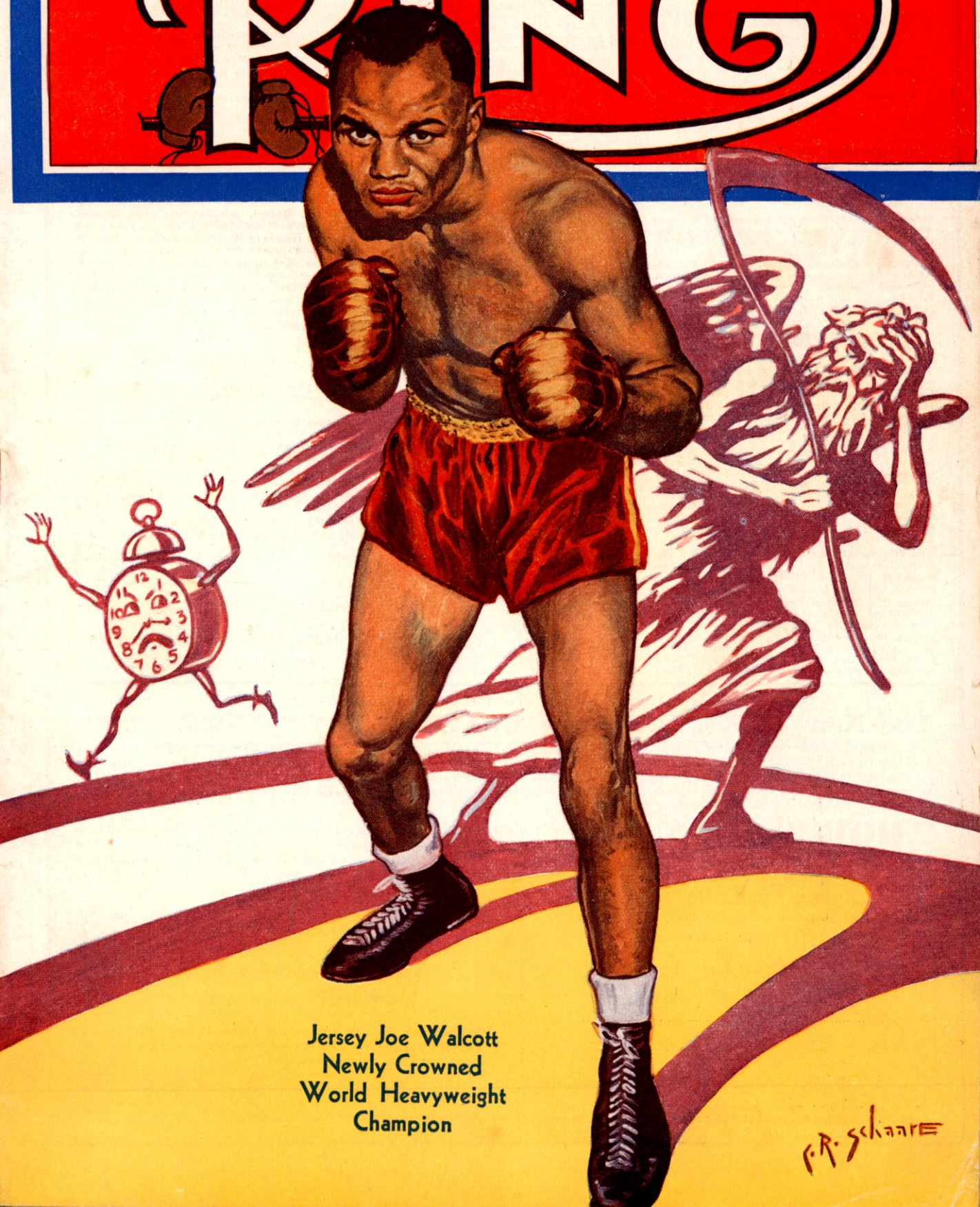

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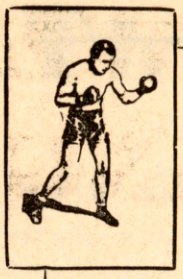

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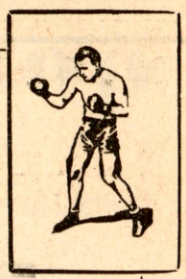


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**Is Ray Robinson Retiring? This question has been posed by the middleweight champion's preparations for movie and stage activities. Will his new work so clash with his boxing career that he will quit the ring? This will be written by Barney Nagler.**

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**Plans for the Lighter Classes. There has been a resurgence in the lightweight, feather and bantam divisions in the last two months. The International Boxing Club's plans will be revealed by Matchmaker Al Weill, to Nat Loubet.**

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**Is Hein Ten Hoff, new heavyweight champion of Europe, a possible contender over here? The answer will come from Jersey Jones.**

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**The lightweight championship of the world will be up for competition between Jimmy Carter, the titleholder, and Art Aragon, of California, contender, at Los Angeles, on November 10. Nat Fleischer will be at the ringside at Wrigley Field and will write his impressions in the December issue of THE RING Magazine.**

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# PEP-SADDLER BRAWL DISGRACE TO BOXING

## *Sandy's Nine-Round Knockout Victory Marked by Violation of Every Rule in the Ring Code*

### *By* NAT FLEISCHER

IF the International Boxing Club had harbored any idea of throwing Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep into a ring for the fifth time, it has killed the notion before it could start breathing.

Boxing and boxing regulations could not stand another dock brawl between Sandy and Willie.

The customers could not, and would not, turn out at inflation rates to see still another defiance of the codes of the ring, and sportsmanship, by featherweight heroes.

The fourth engagement between the pair at the Polo Grounds in New York on the night of September 26, which ended in nine rounds with a knockout decision for Saddler, developed one of the most serious threats to the safety of a sport which has suffered many vicissitudes within the past six months—troubles which forced Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York to put in a new Boxing Commission chairman.

The new regime of Bob Christenberry certainly got off to a "flying" start.

Declaring he no longer could continue because of severe pains caused by a deep cut over the right eye, Pep called it quits while sitting in his corner immediately following that round. Thus for the second time, Willie cut short a return "contest" with Sandy because of an injury. In their third fight, a dislocated shoulder was given as the cause of Pep's retirement.

*A disconsolate Willie Pep points to the injured eye which he gave as the reason for retiring in his corner after ninth round of back-alley brawl with Sandy Saddler for world featherweight title at New York's Polo Grounds. Eyelid was torn in second round, and Pep claimed that it bothered him from then on.*

It wasn't so much the way the brawl ended that brought about a near riot as spectators threatened Ray Miller, the referee, and hurled epithets at those working in Saddler's corner, at members of the Boxing Commission, and even at scribes covering the fight, but the disgraceful manner in which the championship affair was carried out.

Wrestling, heeling, eye gouging, tripping, thumbing—in fact every dirty trick known to the old timers in the days of the bare knuckle bruisers was on display at the Polo Grounds. Both boxers should have been tossed out long before the ninth round.

In England, where I have seen several hundred bouts, no referee would have condoned such brawling. The boxers would have received three warnings and then "no contest," tossing the receipts into a charity fund.

Unfortunately, Miller, a great fighter in his day, let the bout get out of hand, but he did as good a job as could be expected under the circumstances. He should, however, have followed the words he spoke over the microphone, when he warned the men as they stood for their instructions, "As referee I have the power to penalize you for rule infractions. Do you understand? I want a clean, honest fight. Break when I tell you, and don't make it necessary for me to come between you."

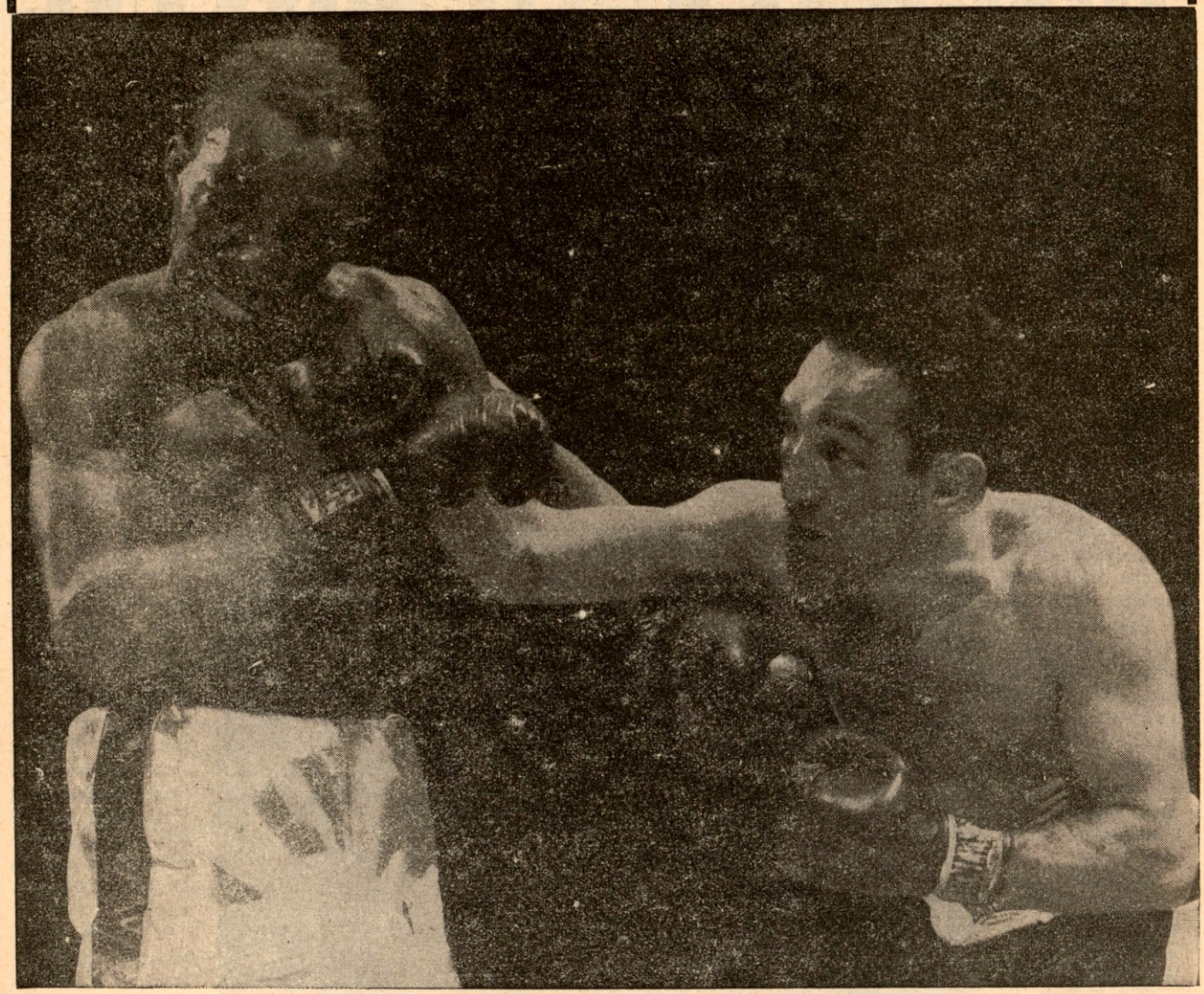
MILLER meant well, but his words apparently did not impress Willie and Sandy. Within thirty seconds after the bell sent the boys on their way, Ray had to warn Sandy to lay off holding Pep around the neck and hitting with the free hand. And before half the round had been completed, he was forced to step in and pry the fighters apart.

Why a referee in such a "contest" as the Polo Grounds spectators had witnessed? What need for a third man in the ring when the contestants pay no attention to his commands?

It was a weird, back to the bare-knuckles Heenan-Sayers affair, the poorest apology for a World championship fight I have seen in close to half a century of attendances at boxing matches. If ever a fight drove a sword into boxing and aided the hue-and-cry among reformers to kill the sport, the Pep-Saddler mill was such. A disgraceful brawl palmed off on the public as a title bout—that's what the fight amounted to. Every code of sportsmanship and decency was ignored, yet the perpetrators of this outrage walked out of the Polo Grounds, Sandy richer by $61,243 and Willie by $36,401.

Pep, one of the most skillful, scientific boxers of the age, and Sandy, a hard-hitting, aggressive champion, engaged in a brawl the likes of which has not been seen in New York since its horse car days. Even the Al Davis vs. Fritzie Zivic fight, in which kicking, gouging and headlocks caused a riotous scene in the Garden, didn't compare to the Polo Grounds fray for roughness. If Willie had stuck to boxing, he would have won the fight as he was outclassing his rival in the early rounds. But the body punching of Saddler had their effect on Pep and he soon abandoned his cleverness for brawling tactics. He had good company, however, in Sandy, who was equal to the occasion and retaliated. They were both guilty of poor sportsmanship.

# THEY PUNCHED—TOO!!



WHAT a splendid initiation for Robert Christenberry, the new commissioner! How delighted he must have been at the exhibition of rough-and-tumble tactics of the boxing-wrestlers, as he sat with Colonel Eagan and looked on in amazement at the amazing exhibition of champion and challenger!

In an interview at the weighing-in ceremonies, Mr. Christenberry remarked that he enjoyed watching wrestling, particularly "Lord" Carlton.

Well, he got a bellyful and an eyeful of grappling at his first show as commander of the boxing commission and I hope for his sake and that of the future of boxing in New York that it will be his last. The big surprise was his announcement after the affair, "Those boys didn't like each other, but we don't want any more of it though I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt this time."

A stern warning that such rowdy, rough fighting will not be tolerated by the commission and a heavy fine would have served a far better notice to check hoodlumism in boxing. He could have set himself off on the right foot by ordering a halt and his first official step would have been highly commended. It is up to the commission to see that such dirty, foul, rough-and-tumble fighting is never permitted in a New York ring under penalty of the revocation of the license of all concerned.

Pep suffered a cut on the right eyelid in the second round and took a count of eight on one knee in the same frame from a left to the body. Despite these handicaps he was coming along as the bout progressed. For a few rounds he boxed beautifully. He back-tracked in circles, made Sandy miss often, bewildered the champion with dazzling shifts and countered with clean, hard body smashes. Had he continued in that manner, he would have been the first to hold the world featherweight title three times. He couldn't have missed winning back the crown.

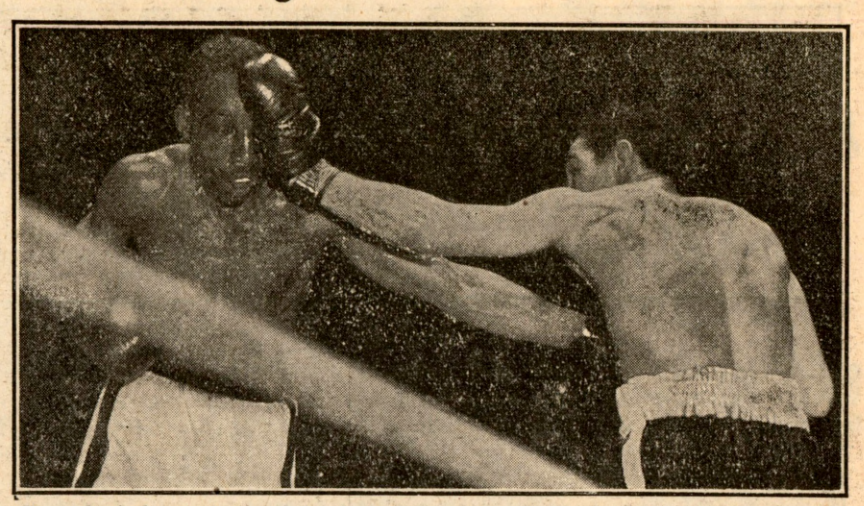
I BLAME the commission more than I do Referee Miller, who couldn't handle his assignment. He let things get out of hand. Col. Eagan, whose last act as commissioner was to appoint the officials, knew what to expect. He had seen the previous bouts. He knew of the enmity existing in the rival camps. He was aware of the bitter feeling between the fighters. He should have followed his own judgment instead of catering to the managers, and should have appointed Ruby Goldstein to officiate. I doubt that such rhubarb would have taken place had Ruby been the third man. Though Pep was more to blame than Sandy for the dirty work practiced before the small gathering, Saddler was far from blameless. He took advantage of each opportunity to return the compliments to his rival, but Pep did it in a neater, more scientific manner.

The pattern of the "contest" never varied. Pep wouldn't make a fight of it and Sandy couldn't. Pep too frequently backed around the ring and Saddler just as often missed as he kept boring in trying to corner his man.

Then when he did, the rowdy tactics got under way and

ended only when either both were sprawled on the canvas still wrestling each other, or the referee was outside the ring trying to pry the boys apart or both fighters and official were entangled in a pretzel formation on the ring floor.

This was a fight in which the less said about the actual ring tussle and the more about the roughness, the better. It was the most disgraceful exhibition, marked by fouls galore, more than ever was seen since the adoption of the Walker Law in New York, in any one contest. If that's what we are in for in future ring affairs, then 'tis better that we call a halt now and let other states enjoy such "boxing matches."



*Typical of the tactics used by both fighters was Willie Pep's "heeling" of Sandy Saddler during seventh round of their title bout at New York's Polo Grounds. Not only heeling, but pushing, shoving, butting, gouging, wrestling and tripping featured the dirtiest championship fight seen in New York in a decade.*

THOUGH Pep quit with twelve seconds of the rest period of the ninth round still remaining, for an official ninth-round knockout, he wanted to halt in the eighth, but was persuaded to carry on by his seconds. He was exhausted from the body punishment delivered by Sandy and covered with blood from the eyebrow cut and was bleeding from nose and mouth.

While he declared that he couldn't fight both Saddler and Miller at the same time, and gave that and the pain in his eye wound as the reasons for discontinuing, it was Saddler's attack to the body when he cornered Willie that brought about Pep's decision. He resisted the efforts of his chief trainer, Bill Gore, to treat the injuries and expostulate with his manager, Lou Viscusi, who tried desperately to induce Willie to change his mind and fight on. Few fights in my career, do I remember that were marked by such acrimony, spills, rhubarbs and warnings by an official.

What amazed me was that the referee after the fight declared that he would have disqualified Pep for foul tactics in another round, yet he had Pep leading five to four. How come, based on Miller's statement to the press?

It became obvious in the seventh that no matter how many warnings were given, unless the fight was halted by the referee, the spectators were in for an evening of bitter dock fighting and little science. In the seventh Pep twisted his leg around that of Saddler in an effort to trip him and when Referee Miller rushed to the rescue, Pep grabbed both referee and Sandy and grappled them to the mat.

Miller was furious when he got to his feet. He shoved Saddler aside and pointing a finger at Pep, shouted: "Do that again and I'll stop the fight. I have the power to disqualify you and deprive you of your purse. Do you want to start a riot here? You can fight. Do so!"

The crowd of 13,836 that paid $75,311, was in an uproar. Pep partisans rushed from their seats towards the ringside. Fists were in the air as warning signs to Miller for interfering. And Charley Johnston, manager of Saddler, added to the turmoil by getting on the ring apron, and pointing his finger at Dr. Nardielo, club physician, sitting next to Judge Arthur Aidala, shouting:

"You're trying to influence the official. You're trying to dictate the judging of the rounds."

Which of course Aidala denied. Johnston later repeated the accusation in the presence of the boxing commissioners.

SADDLER admitted complicity in the wrestling act, maintaining that he had to resort to tactics like Pep's or take the consequences.

"He started it," said Sandy. "I wanted a clean fight because I can lick him every day in the week, but he wouldn't fight cleanly. When he stuck his finger in my eye"—and here he showed the scribes a puffing caused by it—"what was I to do? Let him continue?

"I had planned a clean fight. I had hoped Pep would do likewise. But he didn't and I wouldn't let him get away with it. What are you gonna' do when your opponent plays it rough, trips, stabs his finger in your eyes, heels you and—?"

Pep placed the blame on Sandy and the referee, and said he couldn't defeat two men at one time.

Saddler was twice wrestled to the floor, at the end of the fifth round and again at the end of the eighth. Towards the end of the sixth, both went down after grappling a la Hackenschmidt and Gotch. In the seventh, warning after warning failed to halt the rough work and in the eighth, there was an exhibition of strangling such as frequently brings warnings from officials in wrestling matches.

But throughout the entire rough night, only one penalty was issued! The referee took the seventh away from Pep for "unnecessary roughness."

It was fortunate that there was no home television, otherwise, it is safe to say that our national legislators would have been besieged to press their boxing investigation.

When the pictures were released much of the roughness was deleted. The I.B.C. wouldn't take a chance on showing what actually happened. It was too grave a matter for general public consumption.

IN the first round, it appeared that the spectators would be treated to a good contest. There was action by both, despite a few warnings by the referee for holding and hitting. Sandy started the ball rolling with a long left to Pep's jaw but the rest of the round was Willie's whose boxing skill made his rival miss often.

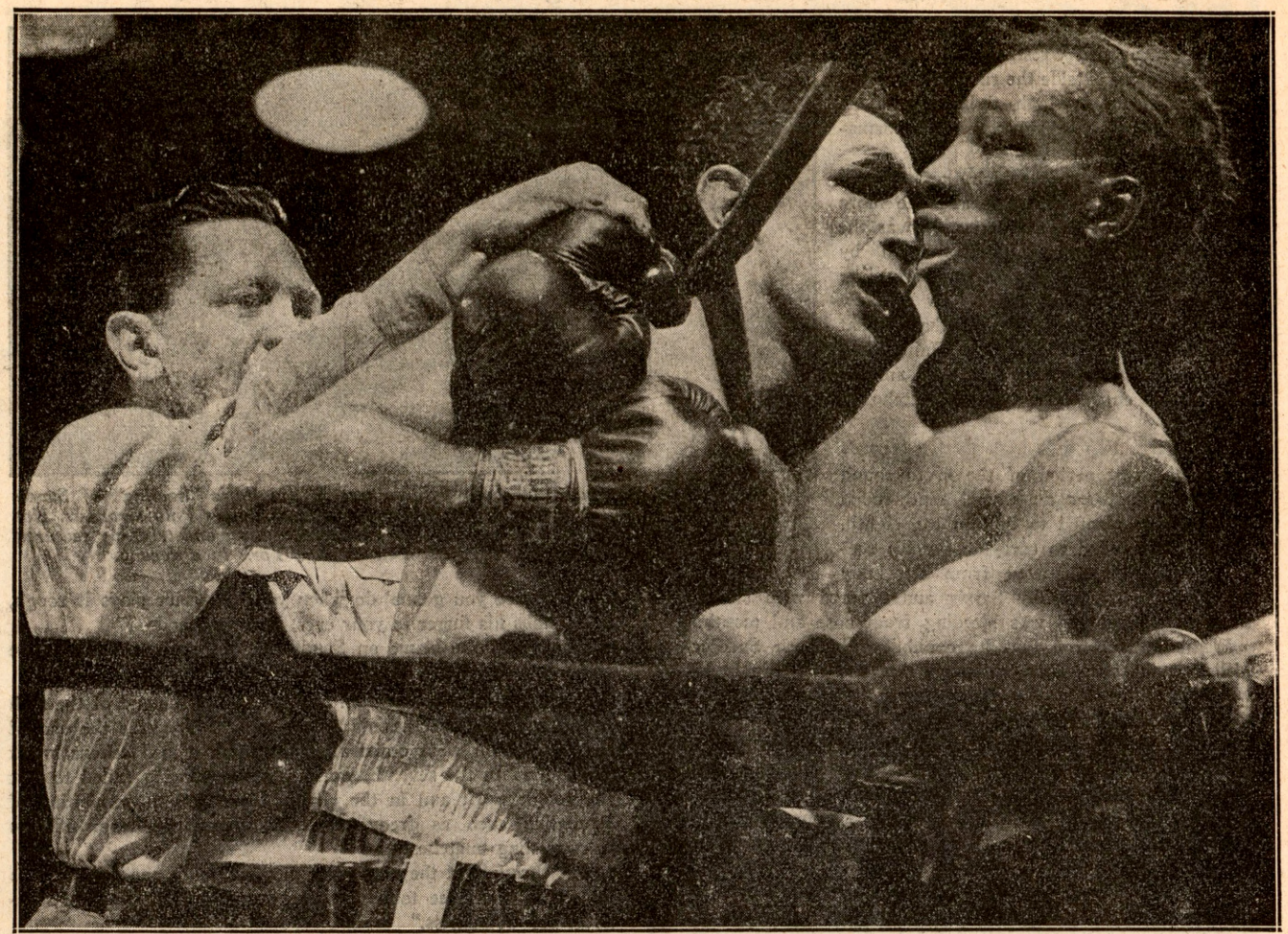
A left hook cut Willie's eye in the second and that cut became deeper and deeper as the fight went on and gave Pep considerable trouble. In a clinch in Saddler's corner, Sandy landed the blow that dropped Pep for a count of eight. It was a left hook and Pep took the count squatting on one knee.

Though Pep was ahead on the score cards of the officials, I had Saddler leading five rounds and three and one even. Referee Miller gave Pep five to four. Judge Aidala had the rounds even, four, four and one, but Pep leading on points, 8 to 6, and Judge Forbes had Saddler in front, five to four.

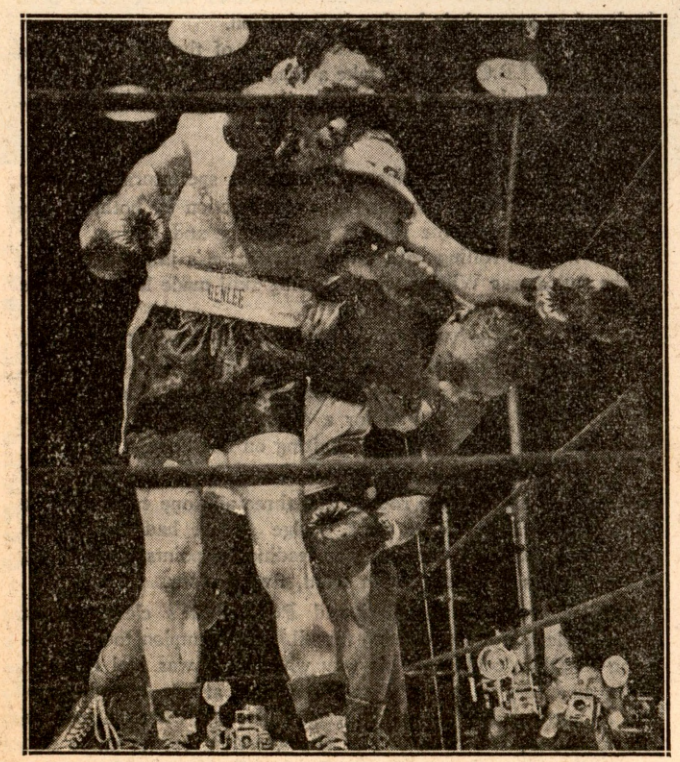
Saddler from the start, chased Pep. Willie's cleverness at times made Sandy's efforts go for nil. The champion took everything that Pep could toss his way when there was real fighting, all in an effort to get in close for a body attack, his specialty, and he succeeded in doing his greatest damage when he had his man cornered. It was then that the wrestling tactics came into use.

Despite Pep's skill as a boxer, his superb counter punching ability and his speed, he couldn't use much of that against the champion whose stamina was greater and who paid no attention to the clouts to the jaw he *(Continued on page 38)*

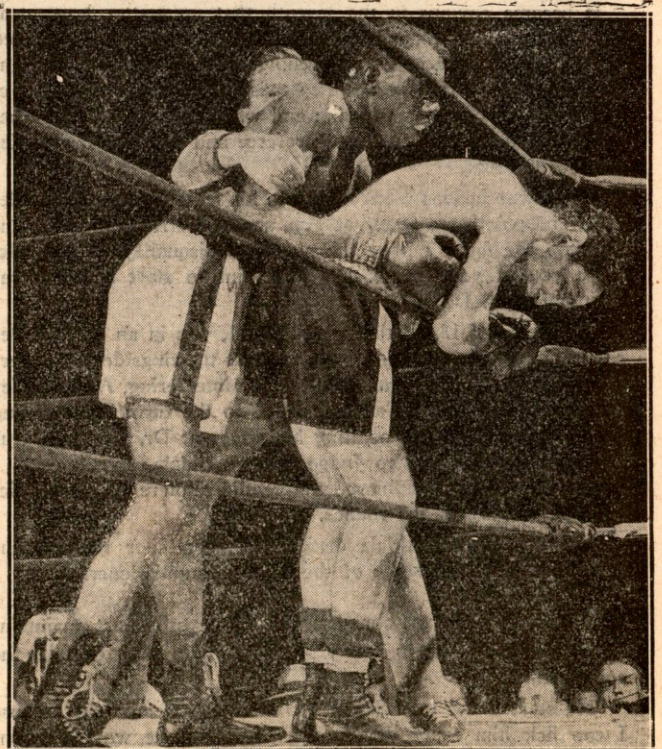
# ODD MAN OUT!....



*The third man theme . . . Ray Miller, referee, requests Willie Pep (left) to break out of a clinch with Sandy Saddler in the third round. Miller spent a busy evening separating challenger from champ.*

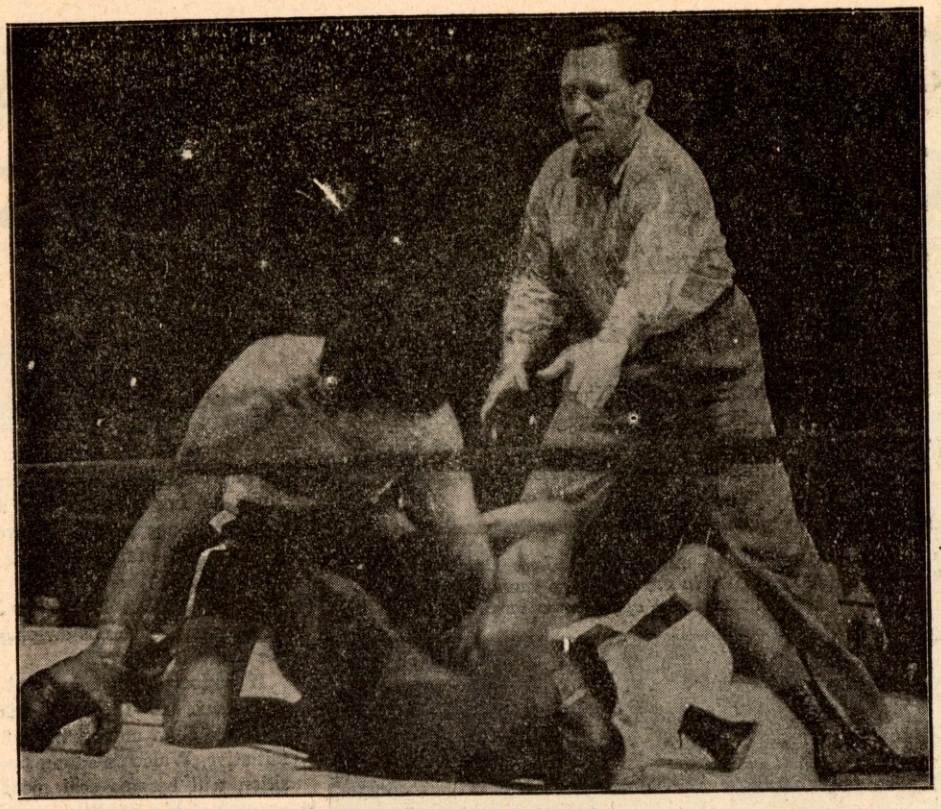


*The third man performing the same chore. . . . Reaching between both fighters as bell rings ending the fifth stanza. It was a photographer's field day . . . the fighters looked the same from all angles. Everything went in a fight that resembled the old prize ring days.*



*In the ninth round . . . it's Sandy's turn to be pulled off the badly battered and bleeding Pep. Willie resembles a seasick passenger on a steamship. His parted lips seem to be saying, "Now I'm leaving." This was the last round of the fight. Pep was unable to continue and the bout was halted between rounds.*

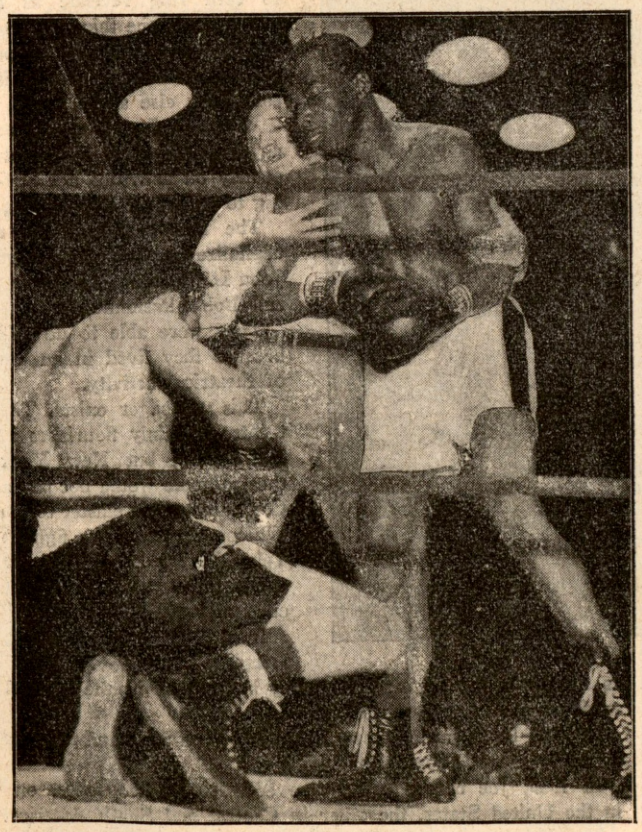
# Three Down None To Go!



SANDY'S DOWN!

*Maybe both boys forgot some of the rules of boxing but challenger Willie Pep wasn't trying to pin Sandy Saddler for the first fall during the fifth round of their featherweight championship match at the Polo Grounds. Just one of the many times their slips were showing and the fighters took a tumble.*

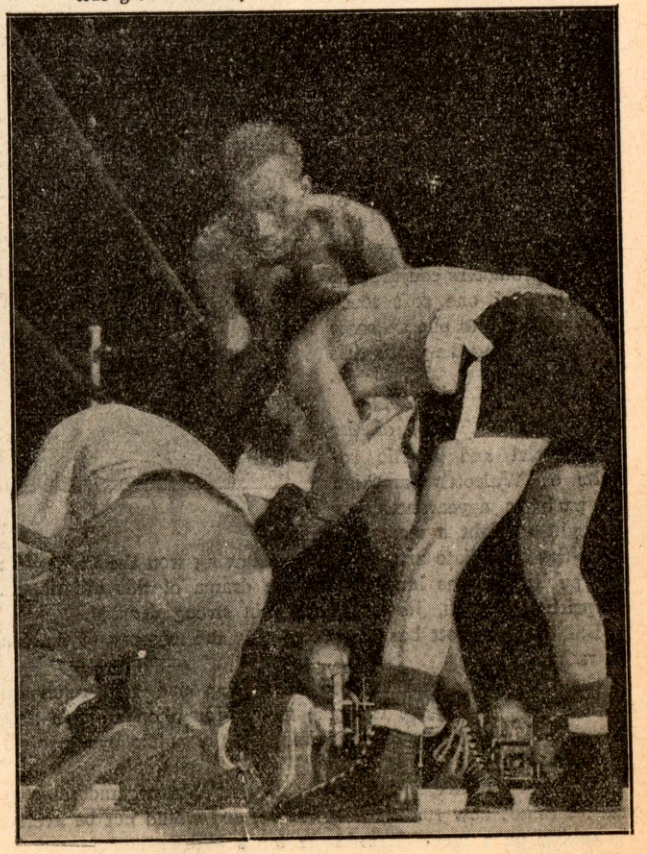
PEP'S DOWN!



*A terrific letdown. Pep, pounded by the featherweight champion in the second round, attempts to find out if the new ring mat which was used was any softer than Sandy's gloves. Willie Pep-less got up at the count of eight to continue until the end of the ninth when he retired.*

AND THE REF'S DOWN!

*Who's hitting whom? In a brawling seventh stanza Referee Ray Miller, Pep and Saddler all went down as feet and arms swung to the mad delight of the wrestling enthusiasts. No official count was given on Referee Miller's trip to the canvas.*



# Walcott Appearances No Ticket *to* Fort Knox

## *Jersey Joe's Efforts to Cash In On Title Fail Financially*

### By DAN DANIEL

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, who has placed the heavyweight championship of the world in deep freeze, is said to find himself in deep fat, frying his time off to little financial profit.

While Walcott is rusticating and cogitating, Ezzard Charles is getting back into fighting shape, and also developing a new and more interesting style.

Charles swung with vigor and enthusiasm in his eleven-round knockout of Rex Layne in Pittsburgh, and indicated that when he meets Walcott again next June, there will be a far different Ezz in the arena.

When Walcott stopped Charles, he was supposed to give Ezz a return fight in 60 days.

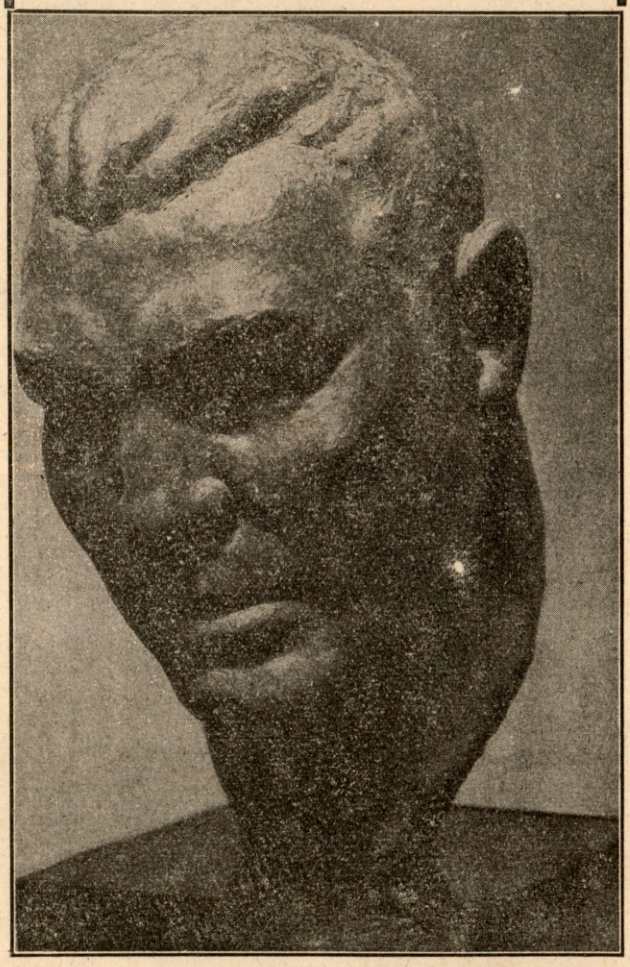
However, Charles and his Brain Trusters were not eager to get that chance within two months. The fact is, their confidence in their man had waned. Not only waned. It had hit low tide.

The way Ezzard operated the night he was stopped by Walcott, he deserved all the bad labels which had been hung on him by the fight writers.

Walcott did not want another Charles fight within sixty days because he felt that he was entitled to a year of easy pickings.

Joe's managers and various outside promoters conjured up a picture of one soft touch after another, to pile up some $300,000 during the year's title moratorium.

*Here is the one and only magnet, Jack Dempsey, who has earned $2,500,000 in the last seven years. No Dempsey is Walcott in the appearance business.*



INVESTIGATION of the financial and artistic results of Walcott's campaign of public appearances has brought to light a story of a flop.

In the immediate aftermath of his having won the title, while the public yet was intrigued by the drama of this old timer's surprising triumph, Jersey Joe was in strong demand.

But now Walcott has discovered that the memory of the fan is rather short.

Once a fighter recedes into the background, and relies on his name and his fame to make money for him, he finds that there is no substitute for remaining in the public eye through action.

As a consequence, it is conceivable that Walcott and his two master minds now rue the deep freeze, and would not be averse to taking on a target like Layne for a Winter engagement in Miami, where the International BC plans to operate in the big Orange Bowl.

There is talk of Charles' appearing in a Miami match, and there also is some chance that Ezz and Layne will take their show to Los Angeles for a command appearance before the avid fight fans of the Pacific Coast.

While Walcott lingers and languishes, Charles is swiping the show from him.

If the former champion really intends to refurbish his style and show more drive and initiative, Walcott's idling position will become still more uncomfortable in the championship picture.

WALCOTT has made the poignant discovery that to earn ring revenue as a champion is one thing, and to pile up worth while lagniappe as a mere show-your-face is something else again.

It takes a Jack Dempsey or a Joe Louis to cash in handsomely on activities not having to do with actual fighting.

The first heavyweights to capitalize on their fame were John L. Sullivan, Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons.

They were able to do this because they lived in an era of theatrical activity.

This no longer exists. The theatre certainly flourishes in New York, but New York theatre goers would not pay a Confederate shin plaster to see Walcott or any other fighter. Television has killed whatever dough there was in the extra-curricular programme.

In the past seven years, Dempsey has earned $2,500,000 as referee of boxing and wrestling bouts, and in the general work of public appearance.

In 1948, Louis earned more than $100,000 on tour, and through magazine pieces ghosted for him.

In 1949, Joe earned more than $300,000 in two tours, one in the United States, the other in Central and South America.

The Dempsey and Louis figures were presented to Walcott, and made him believe he could duplicate them. But Jersey Joe is neither a Dempsey nor a Louis. So now he wonders if he did the right thing in stashing the title away.

As things shape up, the experts see in the Walcott policy the possibility that the Camden heavyweight will have just one more

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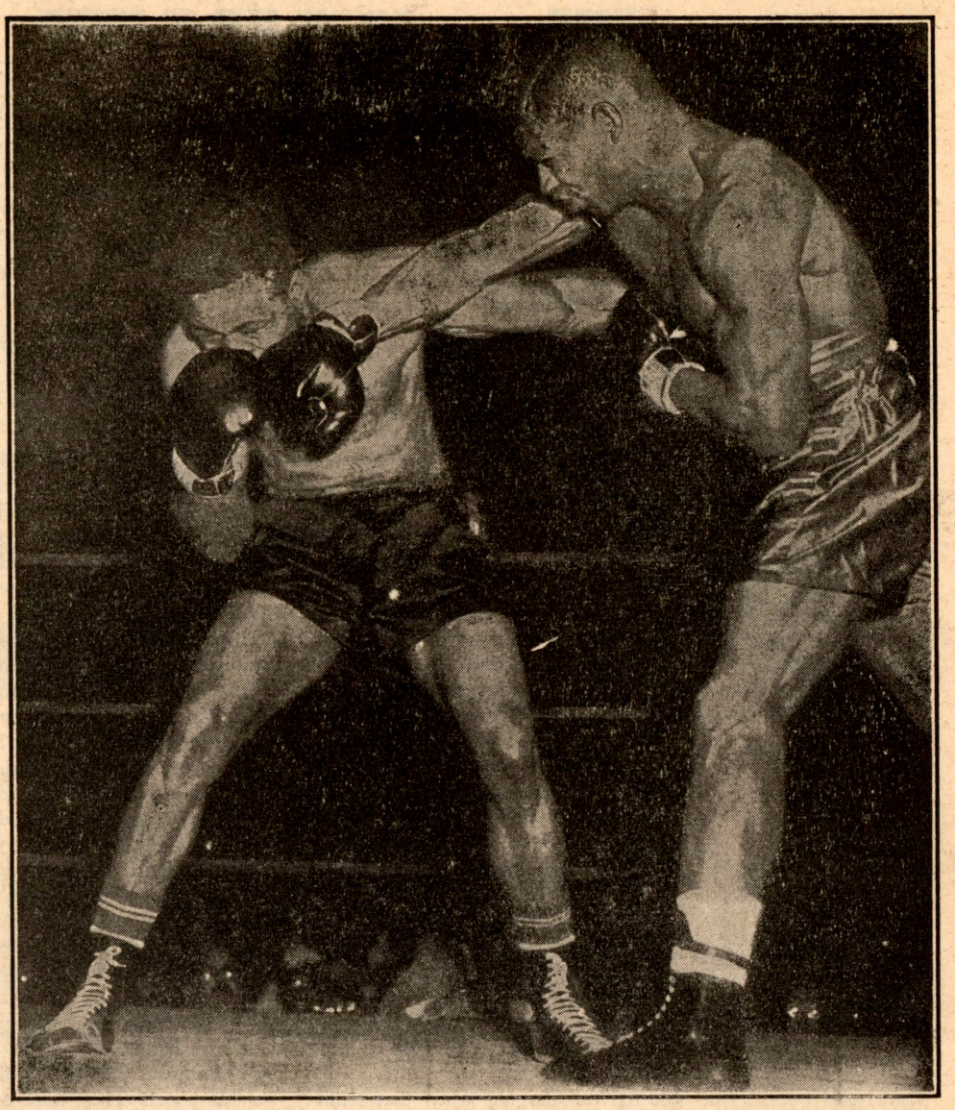
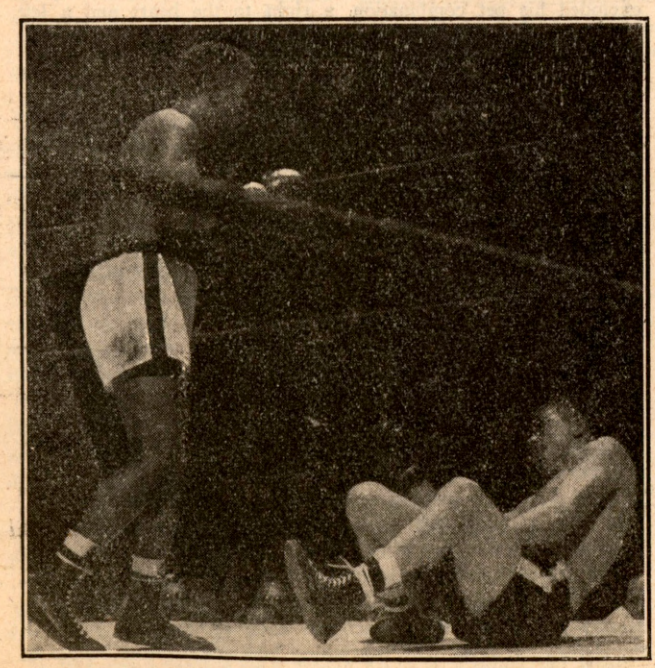
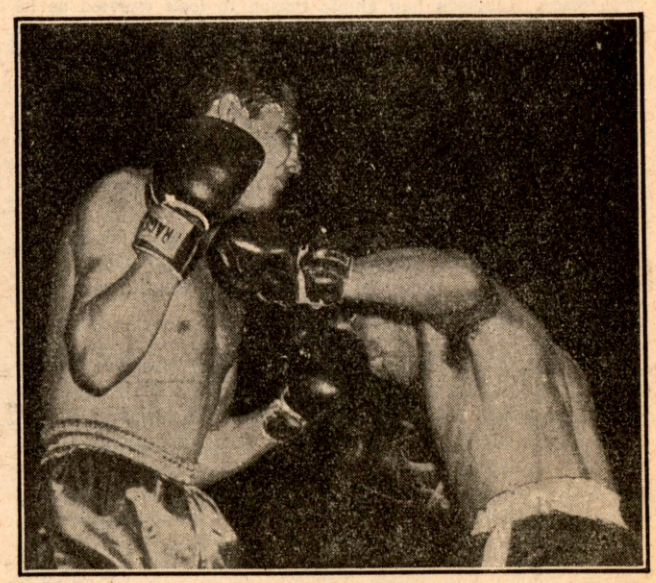
# Action Plus In U.S. Rings



*Archie Moore, St. Louis veteran light-heavyweight who is perennially challenging the champs but is never accepted, stops a right thrown by Harold Johnson in the second round of their bout at Philadelphia. Moore went on to win the decision and eliminate another title contender. The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission ruled that Joey Maxim would be ordered to accept a title defense by Moore within thirty days or relinquish the crown.*



*Gene Hairston silences another opponent. Jackie Keough, coming in as a substitute, fought a game but losing battle. He was stopped in the ninth round after having been handicapped through the latter part of the bout by a badly battered, bleeding eye. The middleweight fight was held at Madison Square Garden.*

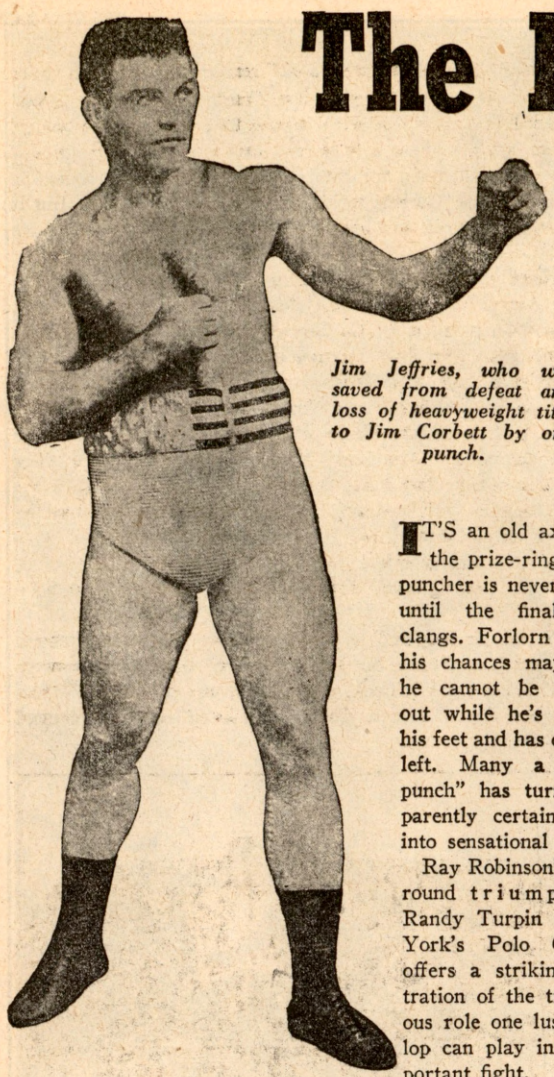


*Paddy DeMarco, ranking lightweight from Brooklyn, N. Y., lands a left that makes Enrique Bolanos wince during the fifth round of their bout at the Chicago Coliseum. DeMarco, fresh from wins over Arthur King, Sandy Saddler and Bolanos is eyeing a lightweight title match.*

# The PAYOFF PUNCH

## *Ray Robinson's Victory Over Randy Turpin Recalls Other Important Ring Battles in Which One Solid Clout Proved Decisive Factor*

### By JERSEY JONES



*Jim Jeffries, who was saved from defeat and loss of heavyweight title to Jim Corbett by one punch.*

IT'S an old axiom of the prize-ring that a puncher is never beaten until the final gong clangs. Forlorn though his chances may seem, he cannot be counted out while he's still on his feet and has one shot left. Many a "dying punch" has turned apparently certain defeat into sensational victory.

Ray Robinson's tenth-round triumph over Randy Turpin in New York's Polo Grounds offers a striking illustration of the tremendous role one lusty wallop can play in an important fight.

Robinson's outlook was not too encouraging when that tenth round started. Sugar Ray, with his stylish boxing and smart ring generalship, was leading in points, but he was beginning to display evidence of the rugged going. He was tiring. And he still had six rounds to go with a young, strong, determined, hard-hitting opponent who seemed to be getting better as the fight progressed. Robinson had ample reason to look worried as he came out for the tenth.

Then, early in the round, a Turpin right ripped open an ugly gash above Robinson's left eye. The claret began to stream out of it.

Robinson's worries were now two-fold. He not only had a dangerous opponent to contend with, but the imminent threat of the referee stopping the bout if the cut over his eye became worse.

Sugar Ray was desperate. Something had to be done in a hurry. He lashed out viciously with both hands at Turpin. The right caught Randy flush on the chin. The Englishman's legs buckled under him.

This was IT! . . . The Payoff Punch . . .

In a flash, Robinson, mustering his waning resources for an all-out offensive, became a savage, berserk fury. He ripped into Turpin, both fists flailing away. A right to the jaw sent Randy crumpling to the canvas. The Britisher struggled gamely to his feet at nine, but Robinson was at him again. Groggily, Turpin reeled back to the ropes near his own corner, as Sugar Ray poured in the leather with bewildering speed. Randy sagged, but the ropes held him up. Turpin was defenseless, legs rubbery, arms dangling by his sides, when Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and called a halt with only eight seconds of the round remaining.

One punch, born of desperation, had led to a sensational payoff for Robinson.

THE middleweights, in recent years, seem to have specialized in dramatic finishes in championship bouts.

Two of the most notable have been Tony Zale's knockout of Rocky Graziano in their Yankee Stadium meeting in 1946 and Jake LaMotta's last-minute victory over Laurent Dauthuille in the Detroit Olympia in 1950.

In both battles, the defending champions, Zale and LaMotta, seemed hopelessly beaten when they uncovered their Payoff Punches.

There have been few more thoroughly shellacked title-holders than Zale as he stumbled back to his corner at the end of the fifth round of that riotous first brawl with Graziano.

For four rounds it had been a wild-punching scramble, with Graziano down in the first, Zale in the second, and both rivals well battered in the next two.

But the younger, more active Graziano had withstood the gruelling pace in better condition than the veteran. Ring rusty from four years in the Navy, the 32-year-old Zale wilted perceptibly in the fifth. Slugged to all four corners of the ring, his features a swollen, bleeding mess, a numbing pain shooting through his right arm from a fractured thumb, Tony was near collapse when the round ended.

As the bell rang for the sixth, it appeared to be only a formality for Graziano to finish the weary, battered old campaigner. Rocky, eager and cocky, came bouncing out of his corner, winging away with both hands.

But Zale was not yet out of it. Tony had little left but courage —and a punch. They were enough.

Grimly, Zale plugged along for a minute and a half. Then it happened. As the wild-swinging Graziano piled into him, Tony exploded his pet combination, a right to the heart and a left hook to the chin. Graziano crashed to the canvas, and was counted out sitting on his panties.

GOING into the last 30 seconds of the fifteenth and final round with Dauthuille, LaMotta seemed as hopelessly beaten as Zale had been.

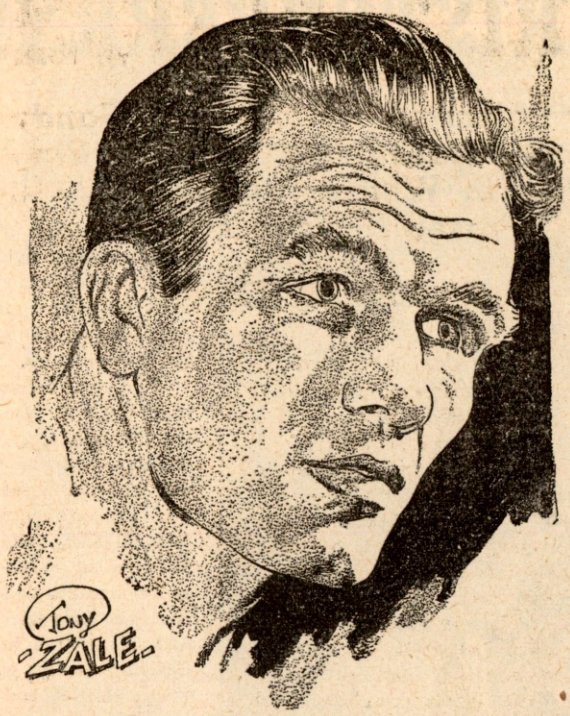
The scrap had been fairly even for eight rounds, but after that Jake, unable to maintain the fast pace, had fallen steadily behind. At the end of the fourteenth, Dauthuille was far ahead on the scorecards of all three officials. The steady Frenchman, fighting a smart battle, had outboxed LaMotta at long range and outslugged him in close quarters. Jake was weary, his face puffed, blood trickling out of cuts over and under both eyes.

Now they were in the last round, and Dauthuille was putting on a real finish by pouring it into LaMotta with everything he had. A couple of times Jake's legs buckled under him from the Frenchman's vicious punches. Only a half-minute to go and a new middleweight champion would be crowned.

Then, suddenly, the heavens opened and came the deluge!

It was a dying left hook the harassed LaMotta fired at Dauthuille's body, but it connected. The challenger was hurt. As he winced, LaMotta instinctively sensed that this was IT. It was his last chance, and he turned loose a violent two-fisted assault that swept the Frenchman back against the ropes. A thunderous left hook, with everything Jake could throw behind it, crashed against Dauthuille's jaw and sent him tumbling to the floor.

Gamely, Dauthuille struggled to rise, but couldn't make it in time. He was on one knee when Referee Lou Handler tolled ten




*Tony Zale, who proved that a puncher always has a chance by his sensational victory over Rocky Graziano in their first battle.*

—with only 13 seconds of the fight remaining!

That left hook of LaMotta's had been a real Payoff Punch.

A NEW heavyweight champion of the world seemed a certainty that summer night of 1941 in the Polo Grounds when a tired Joe Louis, barely surviving a vicious left hook which had sent him reeling in his own corner, flopped wearily on his stool at the end of the twelfth round.

Light-heavyweight Billy Conn was on his way to accomplishing one of the most amazing upsets in ring history. Spotting height and reach as well as weight to the most devastating human fighting machine of the generation, Billy the Kid had taken the best that Louis could toss at him, and had come on to outspeed, outbox and actually outpunch the big fellow.

The blistering pace was telling on Shufflin' Joe. He began fading after the seventh round, and was close to exhaustion in the twelfth. Conn hit Louis almost at will in that session and nearly toppled him with a lusty left hook as the round neared its end. Joe was wobbling unsteadily when the bell rang.

Had Conn been content to play it safely in the last three rounds, using his speed and skill to keep Louis at a distance, it seems almost a certainty that he would have won the decision and the title.

But Billy was after a more decisive triumph—a knockout over the great Joe Louis. And that gave the battered champion the one chance he had left.

During a furious punchfest in the thirteenth, Joe nailed Conn with a right to the jaw. Billy staggered and swayed backward. He was hurt.

It was the Payoff Punch. Louis knew it. Pulling his weary self together for one desperate flurry, Joe stormed after Conn, hammering away with both hands. Billy finally collapsed, to be counted out with only two seconds of the round to go!

MORE than four decades before Louis' sensational triumph over Conn, another heavyweight champion, burly Jim Jeffries, was within two and a half rounds of losing his laurels to a former title-holder, Jim Corbett, when one punch, a thunderous left hook, won for him.

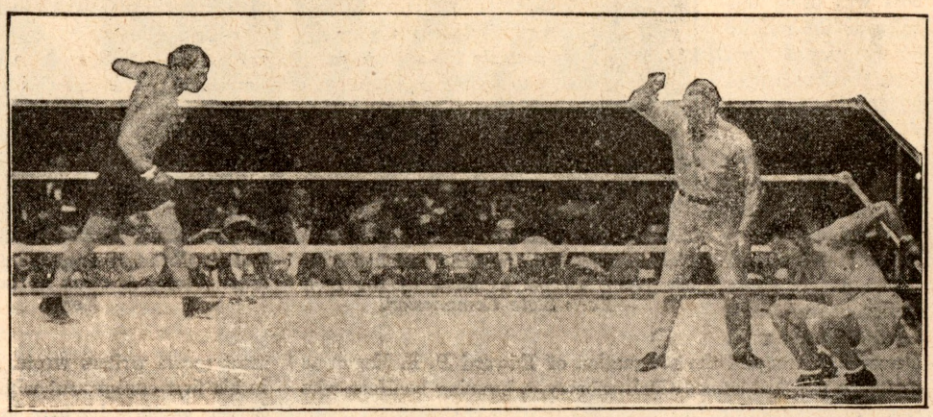
Had the scrap been scheduled for the present-day 15-round route, or even the 20-round distance, Corbett would have regained the title. But it was over the 25-round course, and that's what saved Jeff from decisive defeat.

The bout was held in 1900 at the old Seaside A. C. of Coney Island. For twenty-two rounds the powerful but slow and cumbersome Jeffries had been given a boxing lesson by Corbett. With his speed and superb ringmanship, Gentleman Jim had systematically worn the big fellow down. The champion's face was bruised and bleeding from Corbett's flashing fists, and he was puffing heavily from the licking he'd absorbed and his futile efforts to catch the elusive challenger.

No one realized more than Jeff that he had only one chance to win, and that was by a knockout. But it seemed a vague chance at best. Time was fast running out, and Jeff had only three rounds left to do what he hadn't been able to do in twenty-two.

Midway through the twenty-third, Jeff rushed desperately. For once, Corbett was slow in getting away from the lunge, and was crowded against the ropes.

This was Jeff's one chance, and he made the most of it. He feinted with a right. Corbett leaned back, but he hit the top rope and it bounced him straight into a whizzing left hook, with all the power Jeff could toss behind it. It was the Payoff Punch. Corbett collapsed and was counted out.



*Gene Tunney climbs up from canvas, as Referee Dave Barry tolls, in historic "Battle of the Long Count" with Jack Dempsey. Delay in going to neutral corner cost Dempsey chance for knockout.*

ONE of the most celebrated cases of what one punch can do for a losing fighter was the historic "Battle of the Long Count" between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Chicago's vast Soldiers' Field in 1927.

That Dempsey didn't win, and regain the heavyweight title he had lost to Tunney in Philadelphia the previous year, was Manassa Jack's own fault. Had he gone to a neutral corner immediately after dumping Tunney in that riotous seventh round, he probably would have won by a knockout. But the precious seconds he lost in scuffling with Referee Dave Barry before the latter started to count over Tunney were diastrous to him.

Though a year older, the Dempsey who faced Tunney in Chicago was a decided improvement on the one from whom Gene had won the title in that rain-soaked Philadelphia ring. In that bout, Dempsey not only was rusty from three years of competitive inactivity, but he was ill physically, and beset by domestic and managerial worries. He was further handicapped by the slippery canvas, which bothered him more than it did Tunney. A puncher of Dempsey's type needs solid footing for proper leverage.

In the ensuing year, Dempsey had cleared up much of his personal and professional problems, packed in a rugged tuneup with Jack Sharkey in New York, and was in much better condition, mentally and physically, for the second meeting with Tunney.

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# BRAVE MAN CHRISTENBERRY!

*By* **BARNEY NAGLER**

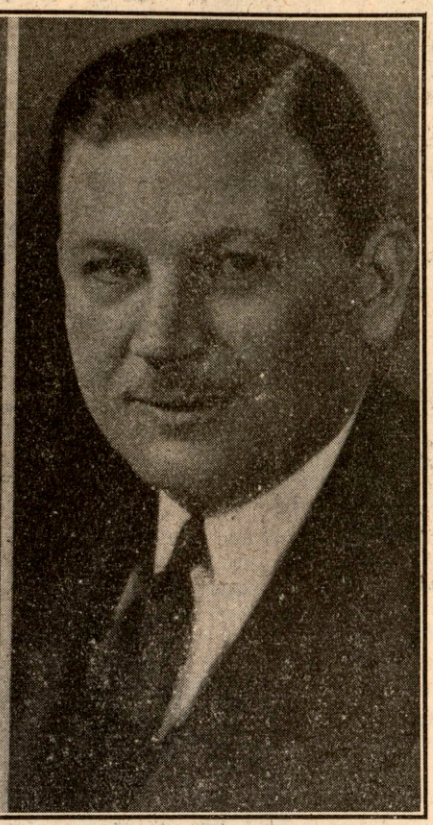
THE day Bob Christenberry was appointed chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, popularly known as the boxing commission, he sat behind a large desk in his office in the Hotel Astor at Times Square and said, "When I was younger I went up to Cairo, Illinois, and in a bar there I saw a slogan. It said, 'I'm a very old man and I've had many troubles, but all of them never happened.'"

The new boxing boss was using this epigram to indicate his willingness to accept the burden of trying to run the ring business in New York State, an admittedly difficult task even for a man privy to the inner workings of the business.

Just a few hours earlier, up in Albany, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey had accepted the resignation of Edward P. F. Eagan as chairman and had named Christenberry, a beaming boniface who runs the Hotel Astor, to succeed the retiring chairman.

Now, seated in his office, on whose walls hung pictures of the many celebrated citizens who are friends of Christenberry, the man who had taken upon himself the task of damming up the torrent of abuse heaped on the New York board was still able to smile.

*Col. Edward P. Eagan who resigned after six years' service as head of the New York State Commission.*



*Robert Christenberry, appointed by Governor Dewey to clean up boxing in New York.*

CHRISTENBERRY admitted he did not know too much about the inner workings of the business. He had, sure enough, been a proper fan, having seen Joe Louis in most of his important fights. Only a few weeks earlier Christenberry had gone up to the Polo Grounds to see Ray Robinson retrieve the middleweight crown from Randy Turpin. He had sat in the 24th row, back with the people, but had managed to get a more-or-less view of the proceedings in the ring. He was a fan, sure enough, and he was aware of the difficulties of the job ahead.

Yet Christenberry was relaxed.

"Tell you what," he said, leaning back in his revolving-type chair, "I never saw a company when I was in the Marines that was any better than its top sergeant. The top kick makes a good company. I think I got one here."

He pointed to Dan Dowd, executive secretary of the boxing board, who had once served as Gov. Dewey's chauffeur and had become one of the best investigators in the New York District Attorney's office.

"Thank you, Commissioner," Dowd said.

"I'm going to be needing you," Christenberry answered.

It happened sooner than even Christenberry expected. A few days later, in the same Polo Grounds ring, Sandy Saddler defended his featherweight championship against Willie Pep. It was a battle fought in anger. It was a match settled in bitterness. It was the dirtiest, foulest fight in a New York ring in a long time. It called for action by the boxing board.

Without hesitation, the day after the struggle, Christenberry, acting through Dan Dowd, called for reports from all officials who had been at ringside as Pep wrestled Saddler. Ten days later, with all reports in, Christenberry let go with a whistling cudgel. He suspended Saddler indefinitely and cancelled Pep's license as a fist-fighter in New York State.

It was a measure taken out of determination. There was some criticism of Christenberry's action. He should have lashed out at the scene of the struggle, most sports writers wrote. But, early or late, he had indicated, in his first engagement with tangental activity in the sport, that he was going to hit hard in an effort to regulate boxing.

CHRISTENBERRY'S background gave every indication that he would fight hard against those forces in, of and on the fringe of boxing who would endanger its legality for the loot involved. He had said, that first day of his appointment, that he would do his best.

"I don't know the problems involved," Christenberry said. "For me to go off the deep end would be the height of stupidity, and I hope the Governor did not appoint a stupid man."

Indeed, Gov. Dewey hadn't. Christenberry is a winning fellow. He smiles easily and makes friends quickly. He wins affection with a warmth of personality, a hearty handshake and a willingness to listen to the other guy's troubles.

He is without affectation, unlike earlier and recent heads of the boxing board. When a stammering young reporter at deskside asked Christenberry, on the day he got pushed over the boxing brink, how he had lost his right hand, Christenberry explained that he had been wounded in France during World War I. A grenade he was attempting to throw exploded prematurely.

He held up the stump of his wrist without manifesting embarrassment. He tugged at the loose flesh at the end of the stump and said not having the hand bothered him little. He had learned to type with one hand and he drove a car. He even played golf. Shoots in the low 90's, or thereabouts.

Christenberry will have to prove, by dint of moving in the right direction, that he can learn how to regulate boxing. The day Eagan was appointed chairman of the board, in Gov. Dewey's suite at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City, there was great

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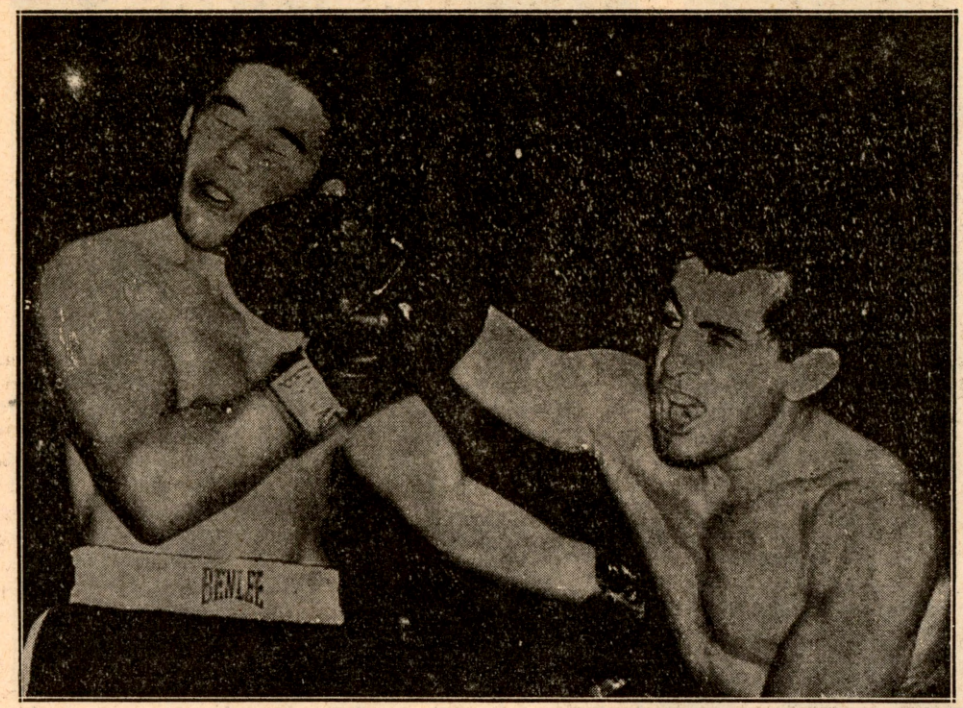
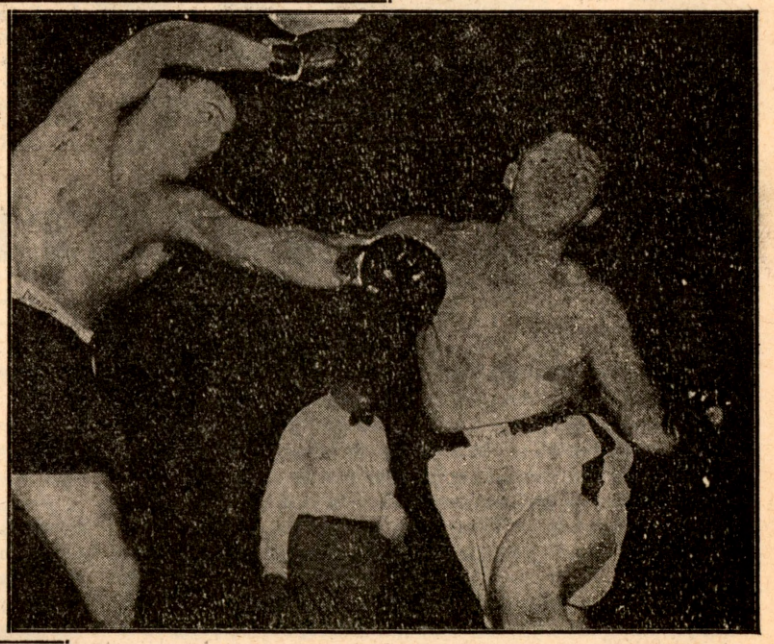
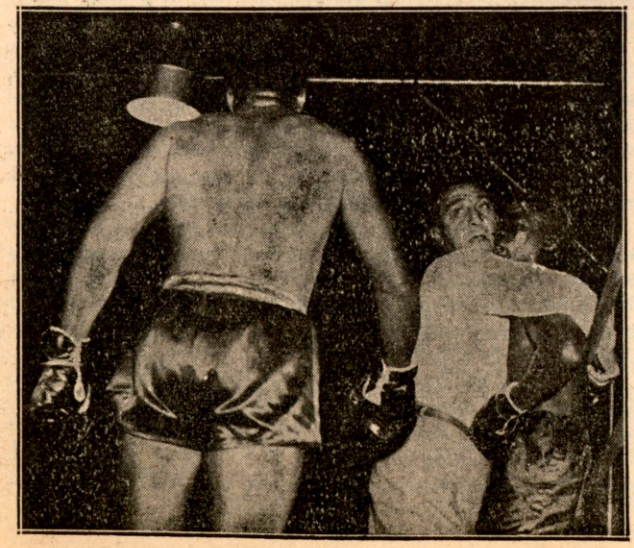
# IN THE NEWS OF THE MONTH



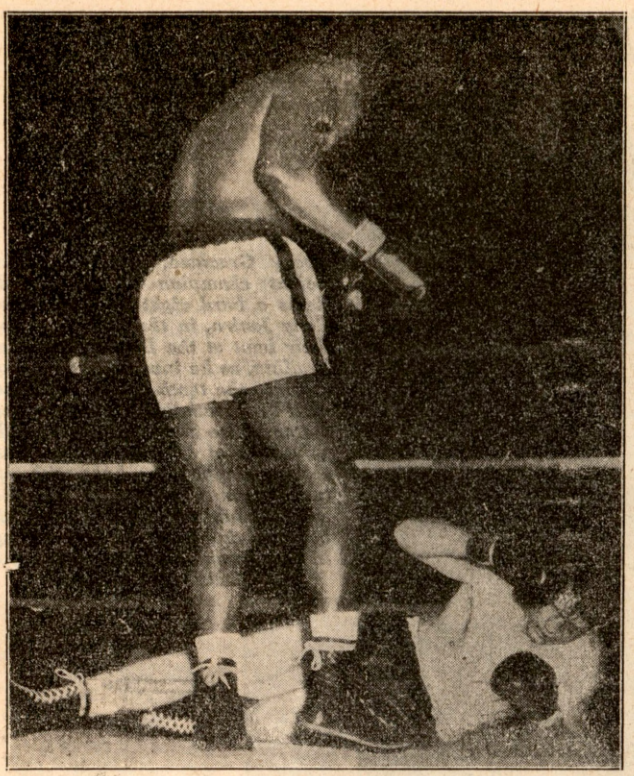

*Rocky Graziano, former middleweight champion of the world, slams a hard right to the jaw of Tony Janiro, in the fifth round of their bout at the Detroit Olympia. Trailing, as he invariably does, going into the tenth round, Graziano staged a breath-taking onslaught to batter Janiro into helplessness with a barrage of lefts and rights. The referee stopped the bout with fifteen seconds remaining in the tenth round. It was the third match between the pair, the first ending in a draw and Graziano winning a close decision in the second.*



*Lou (Sonny) Volpe (right), promising New York welterweight, has just bounced a left hook off the jaw of veteran Johnny (Red) DeFazio, Bayonne, N. J., and gets out of the way of a right thrown by DeFazio which glances off his shoulder in the third round of their main event at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Ted Martin is the referee. Volpe, 21 years old, won the bristling eight-rounder for his 13th victory in 14 professional fights. In his next bout, also at St. Nick's, he lost a close and bristling ten-rounder to Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn., welter.*



*It's all over for Ike Williams. Gil Turner, undefeated Philadelphia welterweight, stopped him in the final round of their bout at Philadelphia. Referee Pete Tomasco halting the one-sided battle with 28 seconds remaining. Turner handed the former lightweight champion a two-handed pasting, only the force of his blows keeping Williams against the ropes and preventing him from toppling to the canvas. It was the 24th consecutive win for Gil Turner, and his 21st knockout.*



*From a cautious fighter, Ezzard Charles turned into a savage battler as he cut loose with a barrage that sent Rex Layne to the canvas in the tenth round of their contest at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. Rex was still down when the gong ended the round at the count of nine. Never before had Ezz displayed such viciousness as against Layne. It was a good sign in the man who may be the first to regain the world heavyweight title, though Charles missed frequently in the early rounds.*

*In the above Layne is seen being dragged to his corner by his manager, Marvin Jensen (right), and Rex's trainer after the gong came to the Utah boy's rescue. With cuts over and under his left eye, the claret flowing from a wound on his cheek and the battering he received in the tenth, Layne's mentors should have called a halt. Instead, they sent him out for the eleventh in which Rex was again downed and the referee stopped the fight, after the fighter got up at the count of eight.*

# CHARLES ALTERS STYLE

## By THE RING EDITOR

NO matter how the fight ends, Ezzard Charles leaves the arena with the boos of the crowd. Even a knockout, which usually brings cheers, doesn't help Charles' position with the fight fans.

Ezzard, who lost the world heavyweight championship to Jersey Joe Walcott in the same ring only a few months ago in one of the year's major upsets, knocked out Rex Layne in the eleventh round of a comeback battle at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, only to find himself again the unappreciated challenger for the crown. Layne, the young, chubby slugger from Utah, whose rise to fistic fame was temporarily halted when he was stopped by Rocky Marciano, wasn't counted out when the bout was halted, but he could have been, so helpless was he at the time of the referee's action. Rex, who had been knocked off his feet only twice in 38 professional bouts, one a no-count knockdown in his exhibition with Joe Louis, was halted in 2:32 of the eleventh after he had made feeble efforts to rally following his second trip to the canvas at the hands of Charles.

In the tenth round, a left followed by a powerful right cross sent Layne reeling into the ropes. His hands dropped to his sides. That right was the start of the downfall of the far-westerner. A left and a right followed in quick order and spun Rex around completely. As he completed the circle, Charles cut loose with another right shot that hurled Layne again against the ropes where a barrage of lefts and rights to body and jaw made him helpless.

He rested with dropped head as did Randy Turpin in his fight with Sugar Ray Robinson, but unlike in their fight at the Polo Grounds, where Ray kept tossing punches while Randy supported himself against the ropes, Charles stepped back and Layne pitched forward. The referee and knockdown timer kept tolling off the seconds and when the count of nine was reached, the bell came to Rex's rescue as he still was on the canvas unable to rise. It looked like his finish.

HIS seconds leaped into the ring and dragged the young fighter—he's only 23—to his corner where they worked feverishly over him and convinced Referee McTiernan that he could continue. Then he came out for his final session—the eleventh.

But he was saved only temporarily. He had shot his bolt and whatever punches he landed prior to being dropped again, lacked power. With cuts over his left eye and under it, and the claret flowing from mouth and face, it was evident that if Charles could follow up his advantage he would halt his man.

Only the instincts of the game westerner kept him going. Charles, hitherto showing ordinary punching power, unleashed another barrage. In all of his previous fights, he never displayed the killer instinct he did against Layne in the last two frames. He appeared unlike the former world champion who so often has been referred to as a listless, ordinary fighter who can't get the support of the fans because he is a colorless battler.

Here he had everything. He tossed punches from all angles and followed his man until the used-up Rex, now pushing his punches, was tagged freely and went down from a left and right, flat on his back. He was raised off the floor as if being hoisted by a derrick, so powerful was Charles' last punch, and then hit the canvas with a thud.

How Layne got to his feet, he'll never be able to explain though in his dressing room he said he knew at all times what he was about and that he could have carried on, and blamed the referee for acting too quickly. But rising at the count of eight, he was wabbly and defenseless, and McTiernan acted

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# GILT-EDGED GIL

*by*

**JOHNNY SALAK**

GIL TURNER

SOME ringmen are born fighters. You can't teach them the game and actually it isn't necessary, even sometimes harmful. They fight by instinct and they learn and improve in that same manner.

All that is left for the trainer and manager, lucky enough to have such a fighter, is to polish the rough edges and maneuver the boy, step by step, up the rungs of the fierce fighting profession. Naturally there is more to it than that, but essentially that is what it boils down to.

Such a fighter is the youthful phenomenon from Philadelphia, the gilt-edged welterweight Gil Turner. He is an amazing lad with an even more amazing record, now just a few steps away from the world title. His professional career covers twenty-four consecutive wins, twenty-one of them by knockouts. And in that time he has knocked out two former world lightweight champions, Beau Jack and Ike Williams, and Charley Fusari, who fought twice for the welterweight crown.

Just turned twenty-one years of age, with less than a year and a half of real experience, he has dramatically vaulted himself into the top ranks of the welterweights, a division which is at the moment sadly lacking a commander who can take charge in the manner of some of its past great world champions. This may make Turner's task even simpler. Kid Gavilan, the American champion, Charley Humez, the European king, and Billy Graham, who recently lost a split decision to the former, are the class of the welters and Turner is now taking direct aim at any or all of them.

Discuss Turner with the members of the fight game from Philadelphia who has seen him, or the writers from throughout the country who have been drawn there to view him and they will invariably tell you that beguiling Gil is not a great fighter. They'll tell you that he just likes to fight and performs in that manner. That his boxing leaves something to be desired. That he doesn't know how to pace himself. And that Turner is easy to hit.

They'll go through all these shortcomings and catching their second wind add the note that they are marking him down for future ring greatness. Youth, which supplies him with assets like stamina, confidence and courage, also is looked upon as his most important drawback. He is now fighting the best men in his division and yet really lacks the experience necessary to cope with their years of learning. To date it hasn't hurt him appreciably. He tires badly and takes unnecessary punishment. But he is lean and figuratively hungry and he recuperates quickly.

Time is what he needs to avoid the pitfalls and oddly enough time is what this youngster can least afford. He has sprung up so rapidly that he can no longer remain amongst the "incubator" fighters. Now it's the top, tough men or nothing, with an occasional bout tossed in to keep active.

Turner is a lucky boy in many ways. When he wanted to become a fighter he didn't have to train in dingy gyms. He didn't lack the necessary paraphernalia, didn't have to worry about substantial meals, or rush his fighting to make a fast buck to make ends meet. He gained the wholehearted support of his family from the start.

His mother, Mrs. Leon Turner, has encouraged him from the time he first put on the gloves in an amateur bout, though she still refuses to watch him in action. His father is a Republican committeeman. Naturally the youngster received his "vote" of confidence.

Gil was born on October 9, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pa. The family now lives in the Strawberry Mansion section of that city. Turner took to the sport when a neighborhood friend led him to a Police Athletic League Gymnasium. He had quit school after a year at Benjamin Franklin High and was working for his grandfather as a plasterer's helper at the time. He must have learned the trade well, for he has been plastering every one since.

When he spoke to his family about wanting to become a fighter his mother made him quit the job right away. "Gil," she said, "if you're going to be a fighter, you're going to give it all your time."

She saw to it that her son had all the necessary equipment, as well as spending money during the year he competed without pay in the amateurs. She kept careful watch on his diet and made certain he didn't smoke or drink. The results of that vigil are now being seen in his meteoric rise as a professional fighter.

He took part in 34 amateur bouts, winning all of them, thirty-one by knockouts. During that time he won the P.A.L. championship, the Golden Gloves and the Middle Atlantic Diamond Belt title. He wound up in the amateurs by taking the National A.A.U. welterweight crown at Boston, Mass.

On May 1, 1950, Turner began his professional career with a one-round knockout over Jimmy Verne at Philadelphia. From the start he was in good hands. George Katz, who managed Bob Montgomery to a world lightweight championship, served in that capacity. His trainer is Willie Reddish, a standout heavyweight of a few years back. Reddish was a dangerous hitter and defeated

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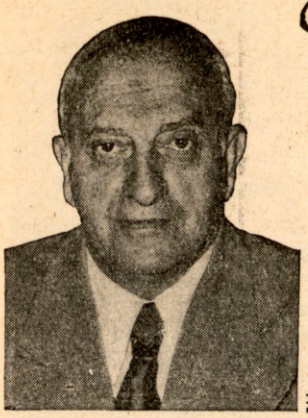


# Nat FLEISCHER says:

## Col. Eagan's Successor Faces Tough Task

## U. S. Inquiries May Bring Eruption

## N.B.A.—N.Y. at Odds Over Suspensions

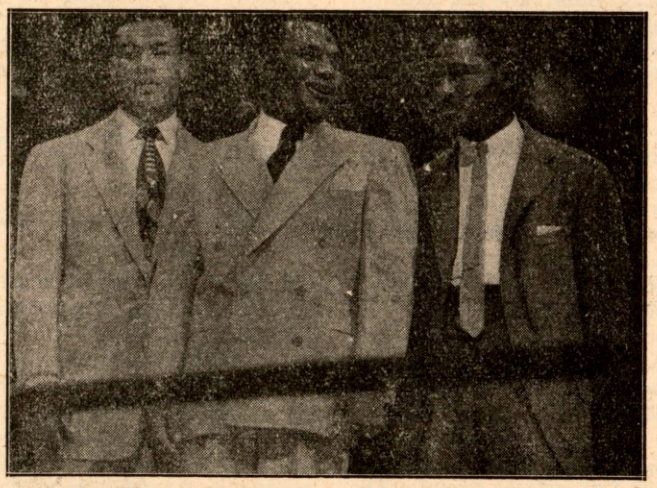
BOXING in New York State, according to Governor Dewey, needs a complete housecleaning. So he said in accepting the resignation of State Chairman Col. Eddie Eagan and appointing his successor, Robert K. Christenberry, president of the Hotel Astor and former newspaperman.

Whether the move of the Governor will be beneficial to boxing remains to be seen. The new chairman has had vast business experience, has been successful in all of his undertakings and the hope and wish of THE RING Editor and his staff is that he will prove likewise in his new post.

As for Colonel Eagan, he leaves the commission after six years of service with the friendship of those who worked with him and had occasions frequently to contact him relative to boxing matters. A scholar and a gentleman, Eddie found the going a bit too tough and rough and decided that he had had enough and chucked his job.

The surprise to me is that he didn't do it sooner because he was unsuited for the rough element he had to face and put too much trust and faith in political appointees and boxing hangers on. He was an idealist who learned all there was to know about sportsmanship as practiced in his sphere, and he tried to carry out such ideals in a business that too frequently has catered to unsavory characters.

He was too decent a person for the work and must be happy at the relief he received when political pressure forced his resignation. I often criticized him but his good deeds far exceeded his poor judgment in handling of important boxing matters.



*Three aces are tough to beat anytime, but especially so when they are Joe Louis, Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles, here being introduced from the ring at a championship fight at the Polo Grounds. Among them these three heavyweight champions have held the title for fifteen years and engaged in the amazing total of 42 championship bouts.*

CHRISTENBERRY'S appointment came as a surprise. It had been expected that Col. Eagan would be replaced since he was holding an interim appointment for upwards of nine months, but it was felt that Governor Dewey would replace him with a person well versed with boxing, especially since he declared, "boxing in this state must be cleansed," and he outlined a five-point program for its purification. To do such a job efficiently, it is presumed the man at the helm should be thoroughly familiar with what he has to tackle.

Perhaps Christenberry is the answer to Governor Dewey's problem. Time alone will tell that. Christenberry hasn't any cinch of a job, any more than did Col. Eagan. Boxing men are smart in their devious ways and will go out of their way to make him a naive victim of their machinations. But he's been through the mill and we wish him luck. He'll need it.

THE RING, as with past administrations, will be at the service of the new commissioner. We'll help wherever our aid is sought and whenever such advice as we can give will be of benefit to the conduct of boxing.

COL. EAGAN had been under heavy fire in recent months, attacks brought about by the Kefauver Committee which reported that gangsters, hoodlums with police records, were the men in control of nationally famous fighters. Then came the deaths of three boxers and finally a Senate investigation into the International Boxing Club's fistic monopoly. Eagan was charged by scribes with alleged laxity, yet from my personal contacts and by many conferences with him, I can testify that he was on the job though entirely too lenient to carry out his duties.

The death of George Flores, the third to die of ring injuries in the State in 19 months, was the final blow. Governor Dewey, in announcing the new appointment, declared "the present two-member Medical Advisory Board to the Athletic Commission will be expanded to its full nine-man membership ordered by the legislature." He emphasized "that the commission must from now on make the fullest use of its own staff and of the Medical Board."

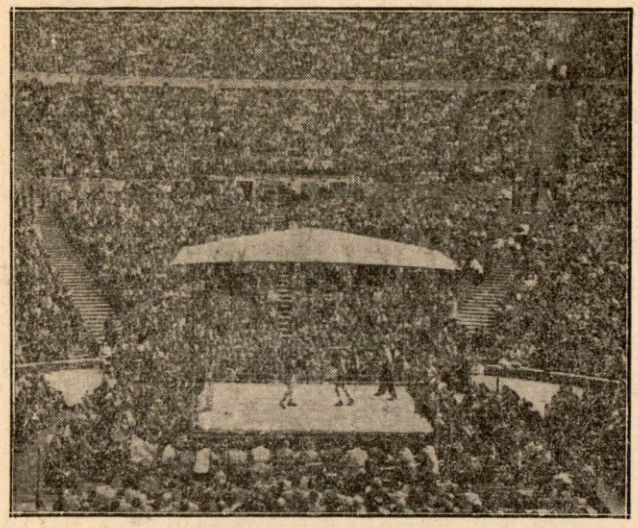
NO one but Governor Dewey was to blame for the abandonment of the Medical Advisory Board after thousands of dollars had been expended by the state to make this an efficient body to help curtail ring injuries and deaths. For more than a year and a half he failed to fill seven vacancies on the nine-man mandatory board. I don't know why.

During that long period his attention was repeatedly called to the need for such appointments.

If that commission had been functioning as the law required, and the recommendations that body through Dr. Frank Ferlaino and Dr. Vincent Nardiello made many months ago had been placed into operation, especially that pertaining to suspension of fighters who had been knocked out, perhaps George Flores would have been alive. Colonel Eagan and Governor Dewey must share the full responsibility for the disintegration of that efficient body. It was up to them to see that it functioned.

The Governor's statement in re the reorganization is an excellent one, but it took him a long time to decide to make the replacements—long enough to arouse the ire of the public which felt that proper precautions had not been taken by the State to safeguard our boxers.

The other parts of his five-point program follow:



*A magnificent shot of the Waldbuchne Stadium in Berlin, Germany, where Hein ten Hoff won the European heavyweight title from Jack Gardner of England. Ten Hoff is the first German to hold that title since Max Schmeling. The stadium was built to stage amateur wrestling and boxing during the 1936 Olympic Games.*

1—Every avenue must be kept open so that free competition exists in every licensed club in the State with equal opportunity for every boxer.

*This is a dig at the International Boxing Club which has been charged by Senate investigators as working in restraint of trade since the IBC controls most champions and big arenas throughout the country.*

2—The members and professional staff of the State Athletic Commission and their accumulated experience must be utilized to the fullest extent.

*This would be excellent if the commission had sufficient experienced men to supervise the sport. Unfortunately they can be counted on the fingers of both hands though the commission abounds in such help.*

*If Governor Dewey wants efficiency, the commission should be free from political pressure necessitating appointments of incompetent judges and referees.*

3—All the business of professional boxing must be conducted in the open. Whenever major questions affecting the sport arise, they should be determined by the full and free discussion, bearing in mind the public has a vital interest in our state.

Managers, matchmakers and promoters must be men who can stand public scrutiny. Boxing has always been a powerful influence on our youth and it must be kept a clean influence.

*This is a slap at the commission which has been charged by the Kefauver Senate Committee as neglecting its duty in permitting gamblers, felons and others of unsavory character to have a controlling interest in fighters through undercover managers. Colonel Eagan investigated the charges but could find no proof that would hold in court. The District Attorney also lacked such evidence to substantiate the charges.*

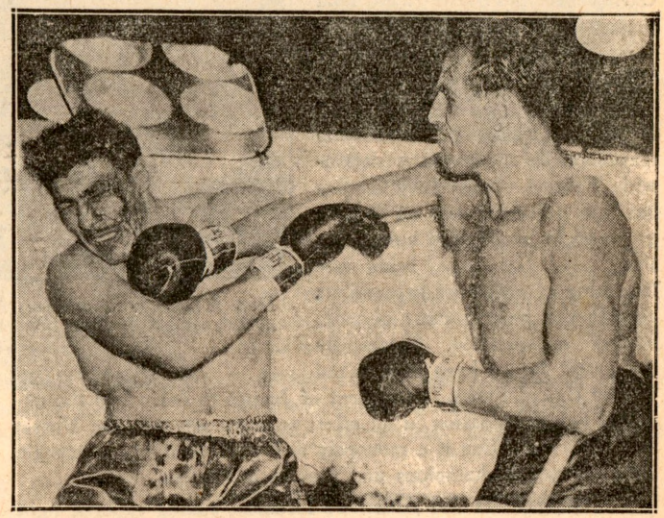
The entire program of Governor Dewey apparently was aimed at the International Boxing Club.

The big job is now in the hands of Christenberry. If given a free hand, the man who has made a huge success in his chosen field should be able to tackle the tough task and succeed. He is a capable executive as he has proved as President of the Hotel Astor, head of the Broadway Association, and a leader in civic affairs.

Christenberry started the ball rolling with the indefinite suspension of Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, and the revocation of the license of Willie Pep for their no-holds rhubarb which passed as a world title bout at the Polo Grounds on September 26. Thus the new commissioner, acting firmly against the two best young men in their division, gave notice to those who box under his jurisdiction that so long as he is at the head of the New York Board, rowdyism, hoodlumism and wrestling will not be condoned in New York boxing matches.

The action came after he and his colleagues, Messrs. Powell and Swears, had studied the reports of all officials who had any part in the Polo Grounds show. Their reports indicated that each fighter was guilty of rough-and-tumble tactics but that Pep was the one who initiated the action.

WHETHER the fighters will be prevented from plying their trade outside the domain of the New York Commission, remains to be seen. Though the New York Board has a working agreement with Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Michigan, the majority of states with which there is no such agreements, are the ones most likely to ignore the New York ban and permit Saddler and Pep to fight in their territory should they so desire. This is particularly true of Illinois in which territory the International Boxing Club holds forth at the Chicago Stadium. Thus the ban may be a severe lesson to all boxers or it may simply mean that New York will see no more of Pep and Saddler until such time as the commission reinstates their licenses.



*Hein ten Hoff, Germany's heavyweight king (right), crashes his right against the jaw of the British champion, Jack Gardner, in their fight in Berlin for the European heavyweight crown. An old cut over Gardner's left eye was opened in the second round. The German won the unanimous decision at the end of fifteen rounds.*

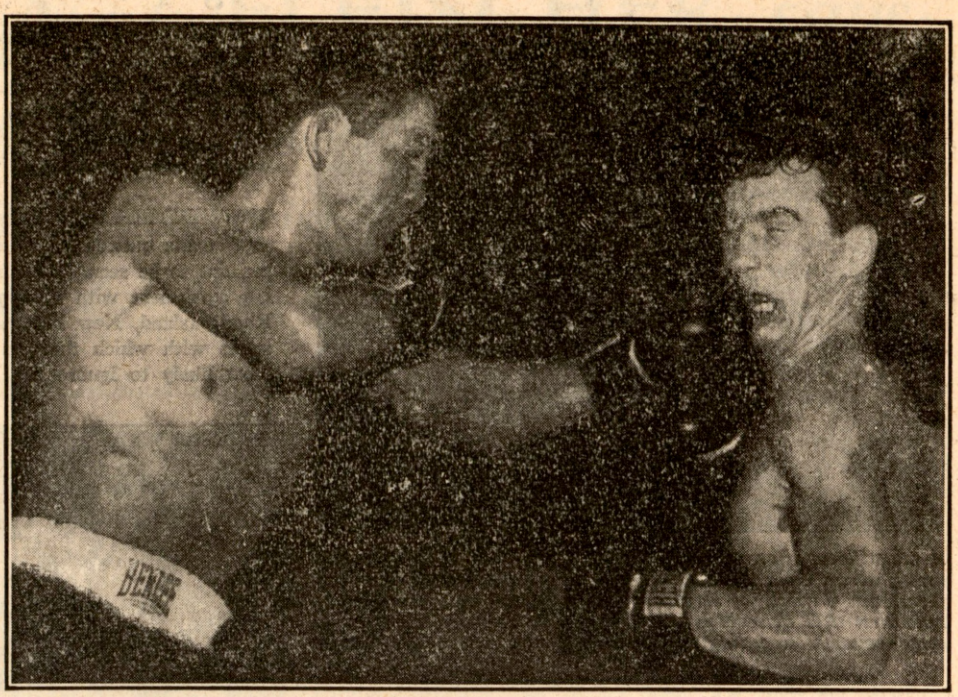
The revocation of Pep's license is the most drastic action the Commission could have taken. Such suspension was meted out to Rocky Graziano, who was not permitted to box in New York for two years. Bummy Davis had been suspended "for life," but seven months after this action was taken he was again fighting in New York. Jake LaMotta was fined $1000 and was suspended for seven months following his unsatisfactory bout with Billy Fox, then resumed fighting in New York and later won the world middleweight title.

The first time the Board revoked a license was in 1925 when Eddie Shea and Charley Phil Rosenberg were penalized for what the commission termed a "phoney." Shea didn't receive his license back from July 23, 1925, to February 20, 1931, when he faced Kid Francis in a bantamweight title bout and lost in ten rounds. Between 1925 and the time of his retirement, in 1934, he fought only once in New York.

ROSENBERG had his suspension lifted on February 4, 1927, to enable him to defend his bantam crown against Bushy Graham in New York City. He failed to make the championship weight and lost his title at the scales. He went on to defeat Graham easily in 15 rounds, designated by the commission as a non-title bout. Graham then became the New York champion, but Bud Taylor gained international recognition when he whipped Tony Canzoneri in an NBA title bout.

The manner in which the National Boxing Association States

act on the revocation of Pep's license and the suspension of Saddler's may be the determining point on how far New York's new commissioner will go towards playing ball with the NBA on national boxing problems. In an interview, Abe Greene, national chairman of the NBA, declared that in his opinion Pep and Saddler will be permitted to do their boxing outside of New York because the Empire State Commission refuses to join the NBA and therefore any ruling made by Chairman Christenberry's board will hold good only in his own state.



*Don Williams, Worcester, Mass., welterweight, takes a hard left from Fitzie Pruden in the eighth round of their bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. But Williams went on to win the decision, his third in four meetings with Pruden.*

THE vast empire over which James Norris rules as head of the International Boxing Club may soon be shattered. A nation-wide Federal Grand Jury inquiry has been gathering data on "what's going on in boxing and how it got that way," its goal being the launching of anti-trust proceedings against the world's most gigantic boxing organization. Specifically the grand jurors have been asked by the United States Department of Justice to delve into the national boxing situation in an effort to learn whether the Norris boxing organization is a monopoly and whether it has a strangle hold on world champions and top-notch fighters.

The inquiry has had America's foremost boxing experts, fight managers, club owners and boxers, mostly world title holders, past and present, before the jury "probing the connection of firms and associations engaged or having engaged in the promotion, exhibition, televising, broadcasting and motion picture production of professional boxing."

It was started through the bitter complaint of Harry Matthews and his manager, Jack Hurley, that the fighter could not get a crack at Joey Maxim's title. The matter was aired before the United States Senate and then was taken up by the Justice Department.

THE RING Editor opened the court proceedings as the government's first witness. Sugar Ray Robinson, Jack Dempsey, Col. Gromback, manager of Laurent Dauthuille, Sandy Saddler, George Gainford, Jack Hurley, Harry Matthews, Joe Louis, Bill Daly, James Carter, lightweight champion, among a score or more of other fistic celebrities were asked to give testimony. According to those in charge of the nation-wide inquiry into the alleged monopolistic practices of the International Boxing Club surrounding a $14,000,000 industry, they hope to prove that fighters must sign exclusive contracts to be able to get a title bout and only those controlled by the IBC can get such contest.

THE national hook-up of the IBC of New York with its affiliate organizations in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and other cities and its contracts with all title holders and top-notch fighters, were under attack. The Government, to present an historical picture of boxing and the promotional changes that have swept the ring since 1910, made a study of boxing during the "golden era" when Tex Rickard was the head; the beginning of the alleged monopoly under Mike Jacobs who headed the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and its successor, the International Boxing Club. The Joe Louis Enterprises also came in for close scrutiny.

A preliminary six weeks investigation ordered by Washington, preceded the calling of the Grand Jury to receive the data to determine if the IBC has violated the anti-trust laws.

The case is a major one and before it is over, boxing may be rocked by an explosion such as it never before experienced. There is much uneasiness in boxing circles due to the latest attack, because in addition to the inquiry in re alleged monopoly, Uncle Sam's F.B.I. has been working on a second investigation—that of an alliance between boxing and a criminal element.

IT WAS unfortunate that Dave Sands couldn't have celebrated his American debut amid more favorable circumstances. Folks had been hearing and reading so much about the Australian middleweight they expected nothing short of Superman in action. They were disappointed when Dave failed to register more sensationally against Carl (Bobo) Olson in their ten-rounder in the Chicago Stadium.

Sands won decisively enough, but his performance left much to be desired. In justice to the visitor, however, it must be remembered that he had been rushed over from England on short notice, had less than ten days in which to train for the bout and adjust himself to a strange climate, and his opponent was not precisely the type to make any fighter look good. I've seen Dave give several excellent performances in London, far better than in his United States debut.

Olson is no bargain for any middleweight. He is what the sock market labels a "spoiler." Bobo is a rugged sort and a stiff puncher, with an awkward, disconcerting style of hunching behind shoulders, arms and gloves that makes him a difficult target to hit solidly. Even Ray Robinson had trouble with him in Philadelphia. Robinson finally knocked Olson out in the twelfth round—the only time Bobo has been flattened—but Sugar Ray had several annoying moments before he caught up to the awkward Hawaiian.

First impressions generally are lingering with the American populace, and the International Boxing Club which imported Sands, could have used keener judgment in its selection of the opponent for the Australian's debut here. A Walter Cartier or a Gene Hairston would have been a better choice. It's an old saying in this trade that "styles make fights," and Olson's style definitely was not the sort to enable Sands to show at his best.

Had the IBC officials done some checking in advance, they would have known what to expect. Sands had already had one experience with Olson, a year and a half before, and the rivals tangled in Sydney, and Olson, after being floored in the opening

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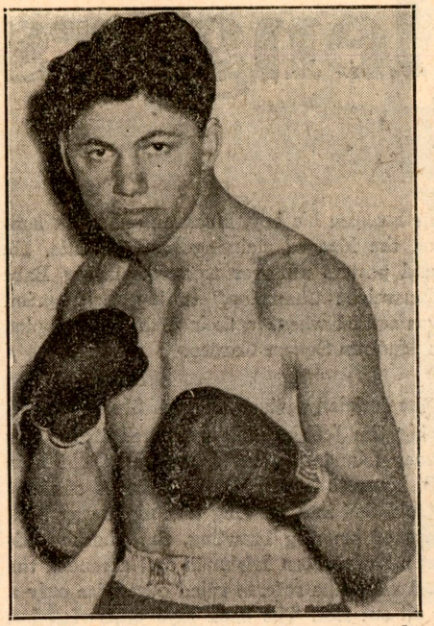
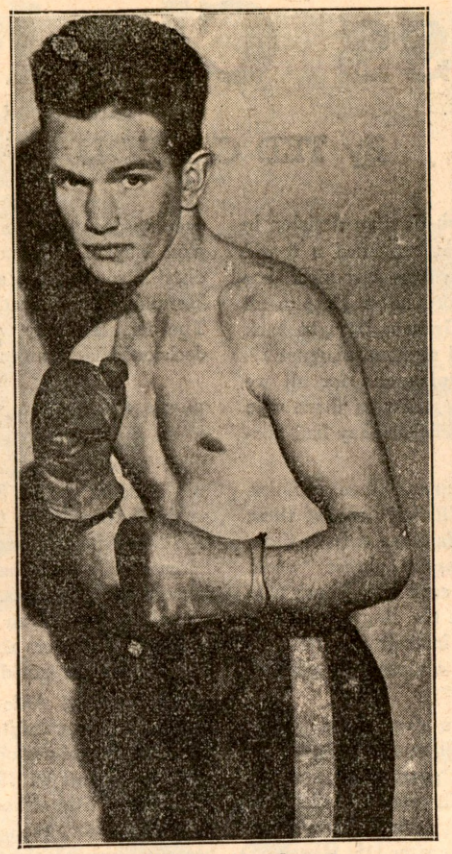
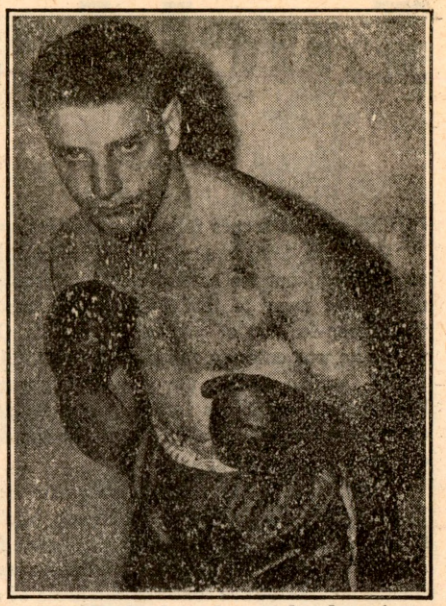


*A light-heavyweight prospect from the Mid-West, Earl (Lalu) Sabotin.*



*Jackie O'Brien, Meriden, Conn., welterweight.*



*New England featherweight champion Joey Cam.*

# New Faces

**By NAT LOUBET**

### EARL (LALU) SABOTIN

LALU SABOTIN, Warren, O., light-heavyweight, is looked upon as one of the best young fighters in the Mid-West.

Sabotin, who was born January 12, 1930, is of Romanian descent. He started boxing when he was only fourteen years old and weighed less than 100 pounds. In 1946 he won the Youngstown and Cleveland Golden Gloves amateur welterweight titles and repeated in the light-heavyweight class in 1948. Sabotin did not box in 1947.

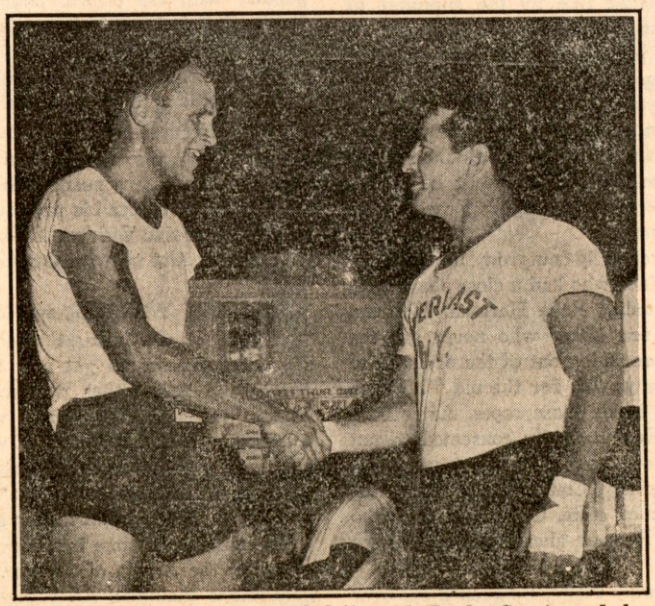
He turned pro in 1949 and won fourteen straight fights, ten by knockouts. In his most recent fight he dropped a close ten-round decision to a rated light-heavyweight, Dan Bucceroni, who had too much experience for him.

His wins this year have been over Jackie Williams, Norm Smith, Bill Pozzi and Herbie Moore.

Sabotin was started in the fight game by Jack Thompson, northern Ohio amateur trainer, and has been guided by the same man all through his career.

### JACKIE O'BRIEN

MAYBE it's the influence of Bob Murphy, but whatever is responsible, several promising young fighters of Irish extraction are beginning to make themselves seen and heard in the nation's boxing scene. One of them is Jackie O'Brien of Meriden, Conn., a welterweight handled by Tex Sullivan.



*Gordon Pouliot (left) sparred daily with Rocky Graziano, helping the Rock prepare for a recent fight. Graziano had high praise for the youngster.*

O'Brien is a comparative youngster in this rugged trade, but in less than two years of professional leather-tossing he has already stamped himself as a fighter to be watched.

Jackie served his apprenticeship in Southern rings, fighting in Palm Beach, Miami, Jacksonville, Tampa and New Orleans. In his first 20 bouts he put together five knockouts, 11 decisions and three draws while suffering only one lost verdict. On a quick hop home to visit his folks, he dropped into Holyoke, Mass., to post his first triumph in a Northern area, then returned to the southland to turn in three more victories, two by kayoes. Then he headed northward again.

Convinced that the youngster was ready to make a serious bid for recognition in New York's metropolitan area, Sullivan brought him on for a series of three bouts in White Plains. After beating Sammy Guiliani and Vince LaRegina, Jackie was then matched with the local idol, Roger Donoghue, but he found that spotting his opponent three and a half inches in height and reach and nearly ten pounds in weight was a bit too much, and he lost the decision.

Since then the young man has been a consistent winner, his string including a knockout of Mario Pacheco in Meriden, and decisions over Joey Atria at Sunnyside Garden, Nazzarano Vitale in White Plains and Andy Viserto in Madison Square Garden. In

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# Luckless Challengers

## By TED CARROLL

THE riotous scenes following the Graham-Gavilan decision in Madison Square Garden, a verdict that remained a torrid topic throughout the boxing world for some days thereafter, has now faded away to just a line in the record book. Despite all the whoop-tee-doo of protest, poor Billy Graham is right back where he was entering the ring the eventful night of August 29.

Kid Gavilan is still the American champion and for all we know it may be Billy's fate to join a luckless list of those who came very close but couldn't convince the officials they had succeeded.

Izzy Jannazzo, Dave Shade, Frankie Burns, Steve Belloise, Babe Herman, Allie Stolz, Joe Rivers, you'll find none of these listed as champions. Most of the names are familiar only to those who follow boxing closely. Still the impressive phrase "world champion" could have followed the name of each one. Those who recall the bids they made for top honors in the ring admit that many onlookers thought they had succeeded in their attempts. Of that particular group, Dave Shade came the closest to genuine ring greatness.

The long-jawed Californian never held a championship, but he was an accomplished pugilist and a real master of the art of boxing. A quarter-century or so ago his great rival was the "Toy Bulldog" Mickey Walker. They finally met for the welterweight title in the Polo Grounds in New York City on Sept. 21, 1925. The decision in Walker's favor after 15 blistering rounds set off a crescendo of criticism from the crowd which bellowed from the stands in a wave of disapproval. Most of the papers took up the protest in Shade's behalf.

It did no good. Shade had all the better of the fight going into the 15th round when Walker staged a thunderous last-round rally which in the minds of judge and referee wiped out all of Dave's early advantage. They saw it in Walker's favor and that was that.

Shade's manager, Leo P. Flynn, howled to the high heavens and flooded the country with posters and clippings calling the decision a robbery, all to no avail. Of course, the verdict was unchangeable and that was the last chance Dave Shade ever got to become a world champion.

BARNEY ROSS is usually included among the best boxers of the past 20 years. Izzy Jannazzo never is, but Izzy missed taking Barney's welterweight title by the slimmest of margins back in 1936 in Madison Square Garden. Jannazzo, a much better boxer than he was given credit for, got none the better of the verdict. Ross had the name and was a popular idol. This, plus Barney's knack of ending each round in a flashy flurry, convinced the judges that he had retained his title although there were many dissenters among the onlookers. Jannazzo has long since been claimed by obscurity but he missed joining Boxing's elite by a whisker even though opposed by an outstanding titleholder of the time.

Louis "Kid" Kaplan, who eventually outgrew his featherweight title, was another great fighter who had a close shave with a boxer who is seldom recalled today, Babe Herman. Herman, a California Portuguese, was a fine boxer who never got the attention due him. He had to be something out of the ordinary to give Kaplan the hard time he always did, for the old "'Meriden Mauler" was a very rough party inside those ropes. After boxing three draws with Herman, Kaplan finally consented to put his featherweight title on the line against his most persistent rival. The fight was held in Waterbury, Connecticut. Kaplan was at that time the hero of the Nutmeg state. Out-of-towners who took in the go disagreed, tabbing Herman ahead, but the referee called the bout even.

Back in New York colorful Jimmy Kelly, between beefs over the verdict with co-partner Johnny Keyes, old time "Mayor" of New York's Chinatown, sadly reviewing the record of four even-up-draw-decisions between his boy, Herman, and the champion Kaplan, hit upon the idea of claiming half the title. He distributed pictures and posters all over town displaying Babe Herman, "Half-Featherweight Champion," in big, bold, print. The dispute finally was settled when, in their fifth bout, Kaplan decisioned Herman in Madison Square Garden.

MANY years ago the decision against old Tom Sharkey in his title fight with big Jim Jeffries almost touched off another Irish Rebellion in Coney Island. Sharkey, a native of old Erin and pride of the U. S. Navy to boot, carried the hopes of thousands of sons of the Ould Sod into the ring that night way back in 1899. After 25 years of bruising brawling, the Sharkey adherents were sure that a native born Irishman had ascended the heavyweight throne and when the referee ruled otherwise only a miracle prevented an all-out riot. The book says otherwise, but Sharkey's followers always insisted he won the heavyweight championship of the world that night.

Good-looking Allie Stolz, flashy Jerseyite of recent vintage, was never too consistent, but he picked the right night to come up with his best performance. Maneuvered into a title shot against Sammy Angott in 1942 Stolz seemed to have won the world lightweight title although the split verdict went against him. On that one night, facing an unpredictable foe, who was hard to beat for even the likes of Ray Robinson, Stolz lived up to the potentialities which had been his all along. He dropped the durable titleholder and gave a masterful performance. Angott, as usual, never stopped trying and his awkward half-wrestling style of mauling must have offset Stolz's sharper exhibition in the eyes of the officials. At the finish Angott's hand was raised, but Allie, now a New Jersey businessman, can look back to a fine try that should have placed him among the listed world champions.

Loud were the hoots of disagreement the night Steve Belloise floored hard-to-catch Ken Overlin a couple of times in their match for the world middleweight title in the Garden on Nov. 1, 1940. Like Stolz, Stevie hit his peak that night and on the basis of forcing the going, and his pair of knockdowns, apparently won the title. Here again, official opinion was divided with the champion gaining a majority vote which was by no means popular with the crowd. Had the solons seen it his way the Bronx Belloises would have shared with the Baltimore Dundees the distinction of having produced two boxing world champions, since Brother Mike Belloise had established a claim to the featherweight title a few years before Steve came so close.

Belloise's superiority over Overlin appeared so obvious to his managers that they accepted an unusually small percentage for a return match, feeling positive Steve would win. Belloise, however, was unable to repeat his previous performance, and Overlin won in fairly decisive fashion. Belloise fought for many years after that but the first go with Overlin was his top effort.

MICKEY WALKER was a great fighter, but he also was one of the luckiest when close decisions were involved. He never seemed to get any of the worst of them. The call could have been either way when the final bell sounded in a bloody, rain-drenched brawl with Wildcat Ace Hudkins in Chicago in 1928, but the Mick was the one the arbiters favored. This was a title bout and saved Walker's middleweight laurels. Hudkins never again came that close to a championship. In a return match with Walker in Los Angeles, he was decisively beaten.

The passing of time has added to the haze of confusion surrounding the details of the famous "double knockout" between lightweight champion Ad Wolgast and challenger Joe Rivers in Los Angeles in 1912. It would seem, however, that Mexican Joe didn't get any the better of things. *(Continued on page 35)*

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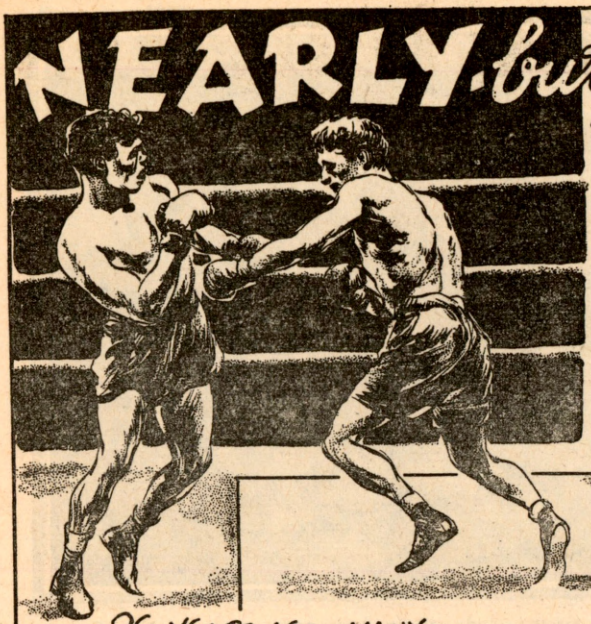

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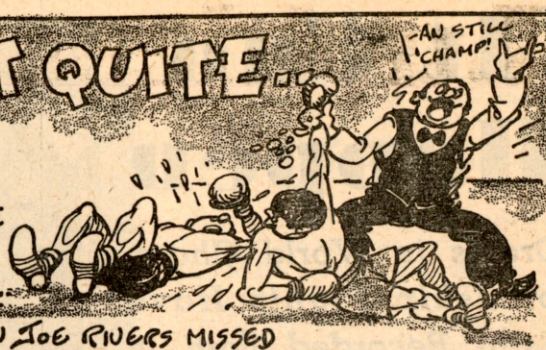


..HOW JOE RIVERS MISSED THE TITLE!!..WITH BOTH MEN OUT ON THE FLOOR...THE REFEREE CALLED CHAMP AD WOLGAST THE WINNER..!...

...26 YEARS AGO.. MANY THOUGHT DAVE SHADE REALLY WON THE WELTER TITLE FROM MICKEY WALKER...

..THE DECISION COULD HAVE GONE EITHER WAY.. WHEN ALLIE STOLZ MET SAMMY ANGOTT FOR THE TITLE..!

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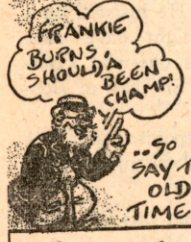


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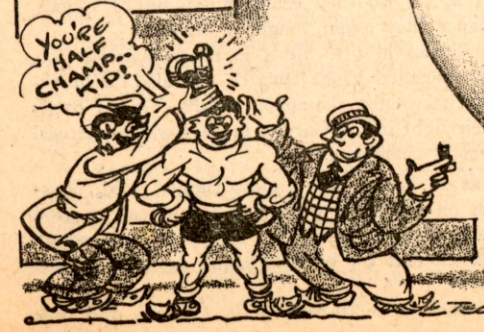



..ONE OF THE "NEAREST" OF THE NEAR CHAMPS..!

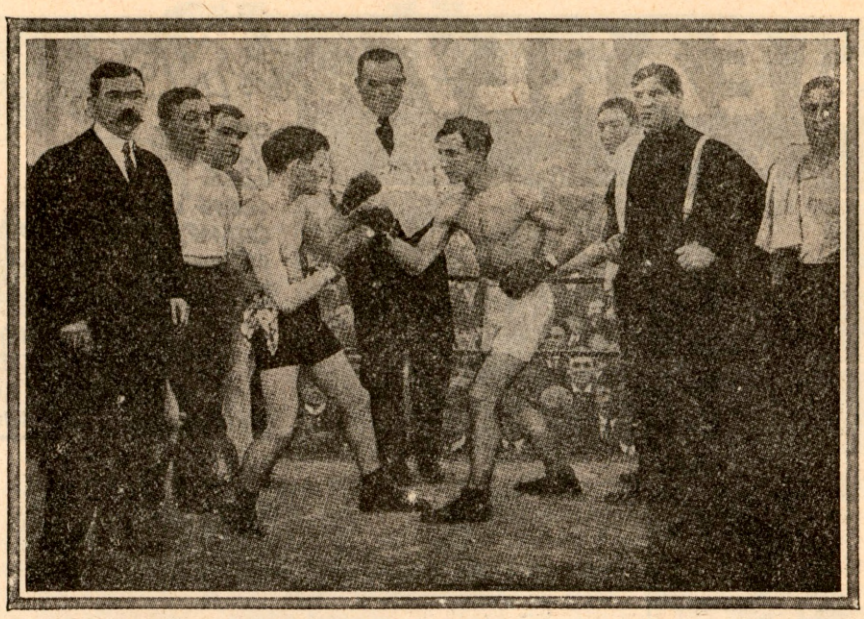
Billy GRAHAM

..MAY MAKE IT..IF HE GETS ANOTHER CHANCE AT GAVILAN!

# It Can Happen

## *Draws in World Championship Fights Have Been Recorded Both in America and Abroad—Abe Attell Twice Drew with Owen Moran*

### By AL BUCK



*Owen Moran (left) and Abe Attell sparring before going into action in their famous bout on the Pacific Coast. Charley Harvey, Moran's manager, is on extreme left and Jim Jeffries, the referee, is seen between the fighters.*

WHEN Joey Maxim finished giving Bob Murphy a boxing lesson recently, Johnny Addie stepped to the center of the Garden ring and announced Joey was the winner and still light-heavyweight champion on a unanimous decision. The same thing happened when Kid Gavilan defended his claim to the welterweight title against Billy Graham, only in this one, the verdict was split.

They don't have draws in championship fights? That query has often been asked by RING readers. Well they can, and as a matter of fact they have.

Of course when the decision is a draw in a title bout, it is the same as calling the champion the winner. He keeps his crown and the challenger is just another boxer who has tried and failed. Perhaps he'll get another crack at the champ. Perhaps the champ will decide he's a little too tough, that a draw is too close for comfort, and he'll let his opponent grow old while yelling for another chance at the title.

Henry Armstrong who was featherweight, lightweight and welterweight champion, aspired to win the middleweight title. Hank didn't care how big they came or how hard they could punch. Ceferino Garcia happened to be the recognized middleweight king at the time so far as the New York Commission was concerned. The year was 1940, and the place was Los Angeles. The date was March 1.

Armstrong and Garcia fought only ten rounds, but it was at the 160-pound middleweight limit. Henry walked into the hard-hitting Filipino, and those at the ringside were convinced he had won the title when it was all over. Referee George Blake didn't see it that way and the bout was called a draw. There was no return bout. As a matter of fact Armstrong didn't want one.

"What could I do with the middleweight title?" Armstrong asked when he returned to the East. "I'm only a welterweight at best. Besides Garcia hits too hard. He hits real hard."

Armstrong knew about Garcia's punching power before he fought him for the middleweight championship. Two years previous in New York he had defended the welterweight title against the Filipino. In one of the most thrilling battles ever fought in Madison Square Garden, Armstrong just managed to outlast Garcia to win the decision and retain the 147-pound crown.

JOHNNY DUNDEE had been fighting only three years when he got his first crack at the featherweight championship. The year was 1913, and Johnny Kilbane held the title. They met in Vernon, Calif., 20 rounds. Charley Eyton was the referee.

It was a close, fast fight between two clever men. Referee Eyton either couldn't, or didn't want to split them apart. He called the fight a draw and of course Kilbane retained the championship. He never gave Dundee another chance to win it.

Kilbane held the title until June 2, 1923, ten years after he boxed Dundee, losing it when he was knocked out by Eugene Criqui, the gallant Frenchman. The New York Commission would not let Criqui fight for the title unless he agreed, should he win it, to give Dundee his long deserved chance.

Criqui fought Dundee six weeks after he stopped Kilbane. Johnny won the decision in 15 rounds and at long last was world featherweight champion.

BABE HERMAN was a rough, two-fisted featherweight. He punched hard with his right hand. In the summer of 1925 he was signed to fight Louis (Kid) Kaplan, the champion, for the title at Waterbury, Conn. As Willie Pep was to be long afterwards, Kaplan, the Meriden Mauler, was the idol of Connecticut boxing fans.

Jimmy Kelly, Herman's manager, knew this. He insisted on a neutral referee. As it turned out Jimmy might have done better had he let Tom Donahue, Connecticut's one-man Commission, name one of the regular officials. Jack Sheehan of Boston, a veteran referee, was agreed upon.

Even Kaplan's rooters knew he had been outpointed and that Herman should have been crowned champion. Sheehan, however, to everybody's amazement called the fight a draw.

That's the way it went into the record book, but this time justice was done. The return bout was fought in Madison Square Garden the following December. This time Kaplan won decisively. For reasons known only to himself, Herman did little fighting. Maybe he didn't feel like it. Babe took a licking, and that was that.

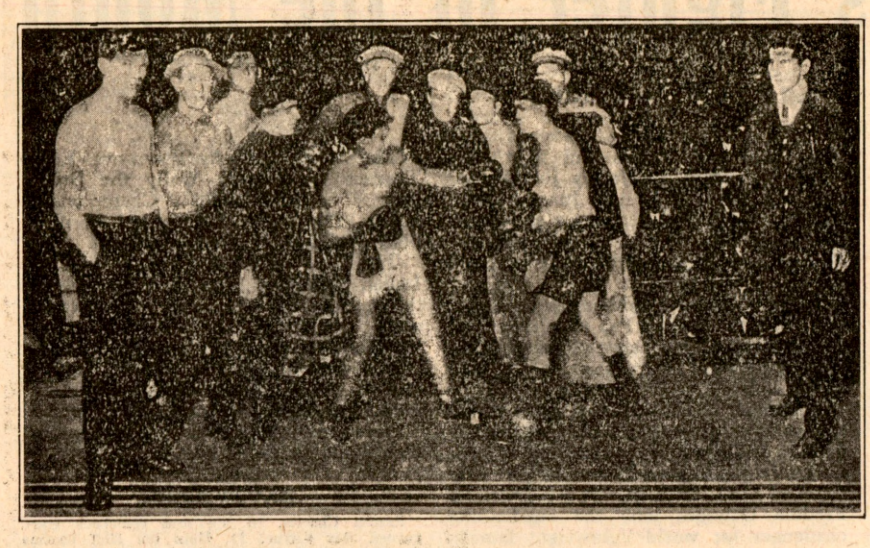
ABE ATTELL figured in two famous draws when he was featherweight champion. He held Owen Moran, the Englishman, even in 20 rounds at San Francisco back in 1908. When Sunny Jim Coffroth wanted to rematch the pair a dispute broke out over the number of rounds.

The promoter wanted the return bout to be 25 rounds. Abe and Owen couldn't agree. So they compromised on 23 rounds. Over this odd distance they again fought a draw.

There have been draws in title fights in other divisions too. Max Waxman, who managed Vince Dundee, and also his brother Joe, who was welterweight champion, recalls Vince's battle with Ben Jeby. Their fight in the Garden in 1933 was advertised as for the middleweight championship.

"The decision was so bad it was almost funny," said Waxman. "Dundee won on points in what you would call a good fight, though not a great one. When Joe Humphries picked up the slips it was learned that the officials hadn't agreed, and the verdict was a draw.

"Vince got Jeby back in a 10-rounder in Chicago and beat



*Johnny Kilbane, feather champion (right) figured in a draw with Johnny Dundee on June 2, 1923. Managers and handlers are posing in the above photo with the principals before they went into action.*

him, but it wasn't until Lou Brouillard knocked out Jeby in seven rounds that he got another crack at the championship.

"Brouillard gave Dundee a chance, and Vince outpointed him in 15 rounds at the Boston Garden.

"Vince Dundee is dead now, but I'll always remember him as a good champion," Waxman said. "He held the title for over a year, beating Andy Callahan and Al Diamond before losing it to Teddy Yarosz."

Waxman has the distinction of managing brothers, both of whom became champions, Joe Dundee, welterweight, and Vince Dundee, middleweight.

KID WILLIAMS was one of the good bantamweight champions. He won the title when he knocked out Johnny Coulon in three rounds, back in 1914, and eventually got around to defending it against Frankie Burns in New Orleans. After 20 fast rounds the decision was a draw. Williams retained the championship of course.

Two months later Williams again defended the title in New Orleans. This time against the promising Pete Herman, a local boy. The Kid must have had the edge for the decision at the end of 20 rounds was all even.

A year later it was different. Herman, destined to be a great champion, had improved. Williams was beginning to slip. Again the fight was scheduled for 20 rounds. When it was over Bill Rocap held up Herman's hand. Pete was the new world bantamweight champion.

THERE has been one draw in a heavyweight championship fight fought under Marquis of Queensberry rules. Jack Johnson had fled his native land, and was living in Europe, a fugitive from justice. He had beaten Frank Moran in 20 rounds at Paris, and was matched with Jim Johnson, another Negro heavyweight. The fight was scheduled for 10 rounds.

In the eighth round Jack Johnson broke his left hand and had to quit. Jack was tottering on the ropes, his left arm hanging limp, when the club physician came to his rescue. He declared the champion was not physically fit to continue.

If that happened today, Johnson would have lost the title to his namesake on what is called a technical knockout. Why Jim Johnson was not crowned champion then and there has never been explained. Anyway the referee called it a draw, and Jack left the ring with the title he was to lose eventually to Jess Willard in Havana.

UNDER London Prize Ring rules most fights were to a finish, but they had draws in those days too. One of the most famous was the 42-round battle between Tom Sayers, one of England's greatest champions, and John C. Heenan, the American. The fight took place in 1860 at Farnborough, England, and was the first international match to be recognized as for the world heavyweight championship.

Heenan was known as the Benicia Boy. He stood six feet two inches tall and weighed 195 pounds. Sayers was five feet eight inches tall, and weighed 149 pounds. Actually Sayers was nothing more than a welterweight. When Heenan had Sayers in a bad way and the Englishman appeared certain to go down to defeat somebody cut the ropes. Then the fighting became general, the spectators taking sides. Officially the ring battle, which started at 7.30 in the morning lasted two hours and 20 minutes and was called a draw.

ANOTHER international match, advertised for the world heavyweight title, and resulting in a draw, was between the visiting Englishman, Jem Mace, and America's best, Joe Coburn, held at Bay St. Louis, Mo., in 1871. Mace, revered as the "father of modern boxing," was on a 'round-the-world jaunt. He had already visited Australia and New Zealand, and was now on tour of the United States.

Several years before, Coburn, claiming the American championship, had travelled to England with a challenge to Mace for the world title, but the match failed to materialize. Now, with Jem in the United States, Coburn repeated his challenge, and Mace accepted, but some strange events were to occur before the rivals got down to serious business. They were first matched in Port Ryerson, Canada, in 1869, but after 1 hour, 17 minutes, in which they merely looked at each other without striking a solid punch, the affair was called off. The following year they were matched again, this time in Kansas City, but Coburn failed to put in an appearance. Eventually they did hook up in Bay St. Louis, but the fight was fought in a steady downpour of rain, and after 12 rounds of slushing through mud the rivals agreed to stop and accept a draw.

ONE of John L. Sullivan's greatest battles ended in a draw. That was his fight with Charley Mitchell of England on the estate of Baron Rothschild at Chantilly, France. It should be noted it was witnessed by only 41 people, including newspaper reporters.

In his book, "John L. Sullivan," Nat Fleischer, publisher of THE RING Magazine, writes: The battle grew progressively slower. . . . Mitchell had no intention of fighting. Skillful wrestler though he was he never came close. His plan was to let Sullivan wear himself out, and then if everything went well to finish him was a single blow.

"Both fighters were thoroughly chilled. . . . Slowly the men came to scratch for the 39th time. Shivering in the lashing rain, their teeth chattering in the numbing dusk, they went through the motions. . . . They were no longer fighters, merely helpless figures.

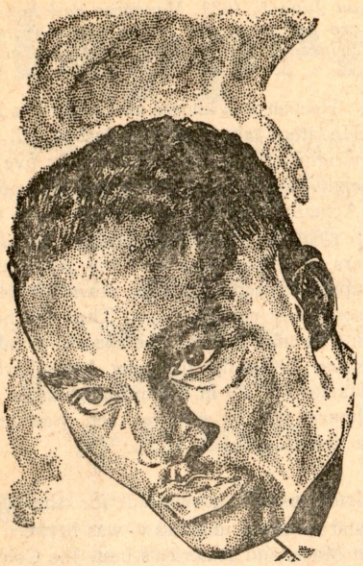
"The referee, seeing there would be no serious objection from anybody, stepped between Sullivan and Mitchell and declared the fight a draw. . . . Under London Prize Ring rules, it was the only way, apart from a knockout or a disqualification, that the battle could have ended. Sullivan had knocked down his opponent 38 times. Three hours, ten minutes and fifty-five seconds he had carried the fight to Mitchell. . . . Yet his reward was a draw."

No attempt has been made here to list all the championship fights that have ended in a draw. The point is it can happen, that a title fight is no different than an ordinary contest as far as the scoring is concerned.

Only when a champion risks his crown, a draw is going for him. Unless he is beaten, he's still champion. He has to lose and the challenger has to win for a title to change hands.

# Marciano Is Fighter of the Month

By NAT FLEISCHER



*Ezzard Charles who stopped Rex Layne*

ROCKY MARCIANO, the best of the young heavyweights, gained the "fighter of the month" laurels by knocking out Joe Louis in a tough battle in Madison Square Garden The former Brown Bomber, even on points up to the knockout, was hurled out of the ring by a powerful left and right to lose his high post as a leading challenger for world honors.

Ezzard Charles gave an excellent performance in halting Rex Layne in Pittsburgh in the eleventh round. The manner in which he went about the work of regaining public confidence in him, is what impressed scribes and fight fans. While his conqueror, Jersey Joe Walcott will remain idle until next June when he and Ezzard clash in a return engagement, Charles is keeping busy and will get himself into line to be the first to regain the heavyweight crown.

Though Sandy Saddler retained his title by forcing Willie Pep to quit in their world featherweight championship fight, the rough-house tactics employed by each didn't earn either any medals.

A number of changes took place in the ratings as a result of inactivity of ranking fighters or defeats. Hein ten Hoff, by winning the European heavyweight title clinched ninth place in world ratings and Freddie Dawson, long the outstanding challenger for world lightweight laurels, dropped that post to Art Aragon as a result of Freddie's defeat by Virgil Akins who joined the elite. Dawson later stopped Frankie Fernandez in Hawaii, but the Virgil loss cost him his number one position.

The defeat of Fabela Chavez by Lauro Salas who won the California featherweight crown, put Chavez out and Salas in the top ten. Lee Savold's continued inactivity has eliminated him from the ranking ten and Jimmy Bivins has taken his place.

In the light heavyweight sector Danny Nardico, hard-hitting Tampa fighter, joined the top men. He is now rated tenth.

The middleweight section saw several changes. Terry Moore's defeat by Ray Barnes, brings Ray back and Terry has been removed from his position.

Though Billy Graham fought a draw with Mario Trigo, Billy retains his high place. Trigo's record other than that draw, doesn't entitle him to a rating.

The victory of Wally Thom over Eddie Thomas which gave Wally the British Empire Welterweight Championship brings Thom into the ratings in ninth place and drops Thomas to tenth.

The draw of Ray Famechon with the Italian champion, Ernesto Formenti, put the Italian into fifth place in the feather class.

Among the prominent fighters who have been dropped from the ratings besides Savold, Moore and Gonzales are Jake LaMotta due to idleness, and Eugene Hairston

Here are the results of the most important fights in each division:

### HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles, in his first comeback start, kayoed Rex Layne, 11. Hein ten Hoff became European champion by beating Jack Gardner, 15. Arturo Godoy won two 10-rounders with Abel Cestac. Joe Louis.

Tommy Farr whipped Robert Eugene, 10. Karel Sys beat Robert Eugene, 10, and kayoed Ernest Chalono, 5. Gunter Nurnberg outpointed Heinz Seelisch, 6. Johnny Arthur stopped light-heavyweight Fred Vorster, 2.

Archie McBride defeated Jack Flood, 8. Hank Thurman cut down Fitzy Fitzpatrick, 4. George Hunter decisioned Giorgio Milan, 10. Joe Kahut drew with George Parmentier, 10. Harry Wills outpointed Jesse Manigault, 10.

Dave Davey won over Percy Allen, 8. Calvin Wilson stopped Bob Pinkart, 1. Mike DeJohn starched Sonny Parker, 1.

Johnny Williams drew with Heinz Neuhaus, 10. Gene Jones stopped Hein Seelisch, 8. Terry McDonald won from Artie Dale, 6. Ned Hicks stopped Frank Martinez, 1.

Bob Baker stopped Bill Gilliam, 10. Hans Neuhaus whipped Austrian Champion Kurt Schlegel, 8. Richard Vogt drew with Heinz Titze, 8.

### LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Archie Moore decisioned Harold Johnson, 10. Harry Matthews again belted out heavyweight Grant Butcher, 1. German Champion Willi Hoep-

## RING RATING FOR THE MONTH

Ending November 1, 1951

| HEAVYWEIGHTS (Over 175 pounds) | LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 175 pounds) | MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 160 pounds) | WELTERWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 147 pounds) |
|---|---|---|---|
| World's Champion<br>Jersey Joe Walcott | World's Champion<br>Joey Maxim | World's Champion<br>Ray Robinson | World's Champion<br>(Title Vacant) |
| 1—Ezzard Charles | Archie Moore | Randolph Turpin | Kid Gavilan<br>(American Champion) |
| 2—Rocky Marciano | Harry Matthews | Dave Sands | Charley Humez<br>(European Champion) |
| 3—Joe Louis | Don Cockell | Laurent Dauthuille | Billy Graham |
| 4—Bob Baker | Bob Satterfield | Robert Villemain | Gil Turner |
| 5—Clarence Henry | Harold Johnson | Walter Cartier | Johnny Bratton |
| 6—Roland LaStarza | Bob Murphy | Rocky Graziano | Charley Fusari |
| 7—Cesar Brion | Don Bucceroni | Ronnie Delaney | Johnny Saxton |
| 8—Rex Layne | Wesbury Bascom | Rocky Castellani | Don Williams |
| 9—Hein ten Hoff | Yolende Pompee | Ray Barnes | Wally Thom |
| 10—Jimmy Bivins | Danny Nardico | Don Johnson | Eddie Thomas |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 135 pounds) | FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 126 pounds) | BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 118 pounds) | FLYWEIGHTS (Not exceeding 112 pounds) |
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| World's Champion<br>James Carter | World's Champion<br>Sandy Saddler | World's Champion<br>Vic Toweel | World's Champion<br>Dado Marino |
| 1—Art Aragon | Willie Pep | Peter Keenan | Terry Allen |
| 2—Freddie Dawson | Ray Famechon | Jimmy Carruthers | Vic Herman |
| 3—Joe Brown | Roy Ankarah | Luis Romero | Terry Gardner |
| 4—Virgil Akins | Ronnie Clayton | Jean Sneyers | Jimmy Laffin |
| 5—Luther Rawlings | Ernesto Formenti | Elley Bennett | Louis Skena |
| 6—Paddy DeMarco | Federico Plummer | Maurice Sandeyron | Charley Bohbot |
| 7—Del Flanagan | Percy Bassett | Emile Chemana | Nazzareni Gianelli |
| 8—Henry Davis | Lauro Salas | Hadi Tijani | Norman Tennant |
| 9—Johnny Gonsalves | Red-Top Davis | Gianni Zuddas | Juan Diaz II |
| 10—Arthur King | Luis de Santiago | Teddy Odus | Taffy Hancock |

ner whipped Eli Elandon, 10. Gerhard Hecht kayoed Ric van Kuyck, 1.

Johnny Risko won South African title by beating Jack Krynauw, 10. Phil Saxton stopped Jack LaBoard, 4. Danny Nardico decisioned heavyweight Georgie Kaplan, 10, and then in a return, spotted Kaplan 21 lbs. and stopped him in 8. Yolande Pompee kayoed Tony Lord, 3.

Floyd Morris defeated Lulu Sabotin, 6. Leo Starosch decisioned Hein Weisner, 10. Alf Hines outpunched Brian Anders, 8. Les Johnson won from Tommy Caswell, 8. Bill Black polished off Luther Chambers, 3.

Max Stanford drew with Sid Edwards, 4, and outpointed Leroy Allen, 6. Jimmy Robinson stopped Irwin Schultz, 1. Johnny Calcinore outpointed Bob Warren, 4. Joe Williams defeated Dennis Cronan, 4. Tom Nelson decisioned Eddie Henderson, 4.

Lee Brown stopped Bobby Pauls, 2. Ray Conley halted Russ Roller, 2. Julian Keene won over Lloyd Gibson, 6.

Yolande Pompee flattened Billy Wood, 2. Paul Andrews kayoed Eddie Henderson, 1.

Don Cockell retained British title by stopping Albert Finch, 7. Julie Keene outfought Bert Lytell, 10. Fred Vorster drew with Len Westermeyer, 6. Julian Keene outpointed Bert Lytell, 10.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Australian and British Empire Champion Dave Sands outpointed Carl Bobo Olson in his American debut, 10. Rocky Graziano stopped Tony Janiro, 10. Joe DeJohn flattened Lee Sala, 2. Ray Barnes decisioned Terry Moore, 10.

Dutch Champion Luc van Dam stopped Bill Reed, 1, and outpointed Belgian titleholder, Andre de Keersgieter, 10. De Keersgieter previously stopped Harry Bos, 10. Marvin Edelman topped Herman McCray, 8. Roy Wouters outpointed Billy Kilgore, 10.

Tiberio Mitri won from Gilbert Stock, 10, and drew with Livio Minelli, 10. Tony (Tex) Gonzales decisioned Joey Lupo, 8. Charley Spicer won over Gene Burton, 8. Bobby Jones won over Clifton Lester, 10. Freddie Lott twice outpointed Sammy Walker, 10. Al Warner knocked out Jimmy Lay, 4.

Scottish Champion Willie Armstrong flattened Jimmy James in 69 seconds. Tony Amato decisioned Mike Gillo, 8. Joe Maseko stopped Michael Stack, 6. Bill Brown topped Chico Pacheco, 10. Al (Red) Priest outpointed Vinnie Cidone, 10.

Bob Stecher topped Mike Gillo, 8, and was decisioned by Ralph Jones, 10. Georgie Small outclassed Roy Wouters, 8. Billy Gordon decisioned Billy Dockery, 6. Joe Giardello put away Tony Amato, 7. Harold Collier stopped Joe Bonadies, 4. Eddie Henderson defeated Vincent Smith, 4.

Bos Murphy whipped Henry Hall, 8. Willie Troy flattened Lester Jackson, 4. Scottish Champion Willie Armstrong stopped Jackie Wilson, 5. Dennis Ryan won over Dom Zimbardo, 6. Joey Giambra iced Maurice Jenkins, 1. Ned Hicks kayoed Sid Edwards, 2.

Tom Meli decisioned Alf O'Neill, 8. Billy Ellaway kayoed Eddie Webb, 3. Len Dittmar outpointed welterweight Mickey Tollis, 12. John Brown iced Al Mouzon, 1, and stopped Art Thayer, 4.

Frank Keating cut down Cas Sugalski, 1. Gustave Scholz whipped Eduardo Lopez, 8. Mack Stamford and Joe Harley, drew, 5. Richie Reed outpointed Jimmy McGirt, 6. Irwin Schulz and Bernie Delmont, drew, 4.

Robert Villemain won from William Poli, 10. Young Bassin stopped Ouerdani, 7. German Champion Peter Muller kayoed Julio Neves, 2.

Tom Johnston flattened Frank Priest in first. Bert Sanders outpointed Alby Hollister, 8. Charley Anglee decisioned Leo Starosch, 8. Alfie Sands stopped Max Talbot, 7.

Frank Keating stopped Joe Moore, 2. Joe Giambra iced Maurice Jenkins, 1. Herbie Hayes kayoed Jim Childs, 2.

Frankie Cosgrove drew with Ray Colon, 4. Otis Graham defeated Billy Whye, 6. Mike Valerio kayoed Johnny Andris, 2.

Walter Cartier iced Joe Rindone, 1. Joe Tomasello decisioned Ronnie Moore, 6. Gentile Wimberly kayoed Mat Boylan, 4. Franz Szuzina stopped Charley Anglee, 4.

### WELTERWEIGHTS

Kid Gavilan kayoed Bobby Rosado, 7. (Non-title). Johnny Saxton outpointed Honeychile Johnson, 10. European Champion Charley Humez retained title by stopping Emile Delmine, 7. Mario Trigo gained a surprise draw with Billy Graham, 10.

Tommy Burns came out of two-years' retirement to recapture Australian title, stopping Mickey Tollis, 8. Tollis previously lost decision to middleweight Len Dittmar, 12. Don Williams outjabbed Fitzie Pruden, 10. Carmen Basilio edged Shamus McCrea, 8, and was outpointed by Ross Virgo, 10. Iggy Vaccari and Shamus Herman McCrea fought a draw, 2. (Referee called bout.)

Glen Hendershot defeated Eddie Reynolds, 6. Raoul Perez stopped Jackie Lovatt, 3. Pat Manzi topped Freddie Dukes, 6. Gene Fullmer defeated Rudy Zadell, 6. Bobby Lee stopped Eddie Holtz, 4.

Terry Ratcliffe whipped Gilbert Ussin, 8. Johnny Williams stopped Jimmy DeCerio, 5. Bobby Lloyd outpointed Al Wilson, 8, and Lloyd Tate, 8. Bobby Elliott won over Marcel Brisbois, 10. Ted Murray decisioned Vic Cardell, 8. Cardell came back to defeat Walter Haines, 8. Lou Volpe won over Johnny Red DeFazio, 8. Bobby Jones topped Lou Joseph, 10.

Bunty Adamson outpointed Len Ashworth, 8. Roy Baird won over Gerry Hassett on disqualification, 4. Doc Watkins defeated Tim Dalton, 6. Chuck Davey outpointed Danny Stepnovich, 10, and John LaBroi, 10. Tommy Hinson decisioned Morley Nightingale, 8.

Jose Ferrar flattened Oprea Oprisan, 2. Israel Boyle stopped Joe Baillie, 7. Eddie Cardew edged out Piet van Staden, 8. Spanish Champion Antonio Monzon whipped Michele Polo, 8, and retained his title by outpointing Aurelio Diaz, 12.

Wilbur Wilson bested Bill Neri, 8. Richie Reed defeated Al Robbins, 4. Mariano Pinero won from Charlie Wright, 4. Alan McFater outpointed Freddie Dukes, 10. Jimmy Carlini iced Tommy McElveen, 1. Mario Minatelli whipped Giglio Odorico, 10. Leonard Jefferson decisioned Elwood Davis, 4. Al Hauser stopped Frank Gonzales, 4. Valere Benedetto outpointed Bouadjmi Mohkfi, 8. Julie Jameson stopped Carl King, 3, and Joe Martino, 4.

Larry Mansey won over Johnny Dudley, 4. Al Robbins topped Jimmy Sullivan, 6. Dick Cannaday outpointed Harold Johnson, 4. Frankie Anselm defeated Eddie Oliver, 6. Mike Colucci decisioned Avelino Fiel, 4.

Pierre Langlois stopped Tommy Bell, 6. Carlo Mola decisioned Eino Voltolini, 8. Michele Polo drew with Guiseppe Facchi, 8.

Ron King lost on disqualification to Les Kirk, 3. Bobby Peart won from Piet van Staden, 8. Jimmy Molloy lost to lightweight Ivor (Kid) Germain, 10.

Peter Galleymore stopped Mannetjie Roux, 7. Phil Burton decisioned Tommy Bazzano, 8. Jackie Cobberlander kayoed Willie Stewart, 3.

Chico Vejar edged out Lou Volpe, 10. Bill Neri outpointed Ike Jenkins, 6.

Charley Spicer upset Gene Burton, 8. Jimmy Carlini stopped Billy James, 2.

Jackie O'Brien spoiled Alfredo LaGrutta's American debut by easily outpointing the Italian, 8. Johnny Bratton stopped Wilbur Wilson, 8.

Wally Thom became British champion by outpointing Eddie Thomas, 15. Tippy Larkin came out of two-years' retirement to outpoint lightweight Humberto Sierra, 8. Vince Martinez polished off Dick Cannady, 3.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS

Virgil Akins defeated Luther Rawlings, 10.

Virgil Akins gained an upset decision over Freddie Dawson, 10, and then Dawson, fighting as a welterweight, stopped Frankie Fernandez, 8. Paddy DeMarco outpointed Enrique Bolanos, 10.

Armand Savoie topped Solly Cantor, 12, for Canadian title. Joe Brown stopped Stonewall Jackson, 4. Henry Davis won over Philip Kim, 10.

Frank Flannery became Australian champion by stopping Jack Hassen, 9. Allan Tanner repeated previous decision over Tom McMenamy, 8. Georgie Araujo stopped Freddie Russo, 2.

Eddie Compo edged Chico Vejar, 10. Chu Chu Jiminez defeated Jesse Flores, 10. Maxie Shapiro began his comeback by decisioning Clint Miller, 8. Eddie Chavez outpointed Glen Flanagan, 10.

Ray Souply won from Herman Korber, 10. Dave Landers stopped Charley Dunn, 3. Trevor King outpointed Midget Buckley, 12. Freddie Monforte decisioned Ralph Dupas, 8, and Tim Dalton, 10. Joey Lopes defeated James Perry, 10.

Gordon Goodman edged out Des Garrod, 8. Evo Savini whipped Valentino Gianluppi, 8. Basil Marie topped Elmer Barksdale, 10. Jorgen Johansen won from Roland Guilbert, 8. Chick Boucher stopped Billy Scholes, 2.

Pat Kelly kayoed Jimmy Ford, 2. Tony Allegro polished off Flora Hita, 1. Ralph Giordano and Phil Morizio drew, 6. Arthur Persley stopped James Watkins, 4.

Len Grainger outpointed Mickey Green, 8, and drew with Roy Coote, 8. Eddie James outpointed Willie Stevenson, 6, and kayoed Dave Seabrook, 4. Jimmy Sullivan won over Henry Winchman, 4, and defeated him again in a return, 6. Artemio Garces stopped Johnny Gilson, 2. Fred Messina kayoed Rudy Starace, 2, and Joe Pierre, 4, and was outpointed by Al Avant, 4.

Danny Perez won over Sammy Anderson, 4. Des Lennon outpointed Mickey Campbell, 8. Frankie Freese stopped Stokes Thomas, 4. Billy Hazel outpointed Willie Stevenson, 8. Sal DiGuardia defeated Joe Wamsley, 8.

Hans Hafner kayoed Al Gunning, 4. Willi Farber outpointed Jacques Louini, 8. Paddy Dowdall won from George Barker, 8.

Des Lennon and Gordon Riding drew, 8. Walter Holden lost on disqualification to Tommy Jones, 8. Ivor (Kid) German whipped welterweight Jimmy Molloy, 10.

Jean Labalette decisioned Emilio Orozco, 10. Artemio Garces defeated Larry Mansey, 4. Danny Giovanelli kayoed Jimmy Caraballo, 1. Tony Allegro decisioned Bobby Timson, 8.

Johnny Digilio outpointed Jimmy Sullivan, 6. Buddy Jacklich was awarded decision over Lavert Smith on butt, 3.

Richie Crump outpointed Earl Hilton, 8. Frankie Freese and Jimmy Wilde, drew, 8. Orlando Zulueta and Armand Savoie also ended up in a dead heat, 10.

Solly Cantor won over Alan McFater, 8. Jackie Graves defeated Proctor Heinold, 10. French Champion Auguste Caulet and German Champion Hans Hafner drew, 8.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sandy Saddler successfully defended his world title by stopping Willie Pep, 9. Pep refused to come out for the tenth round.

European Champion Ray Famechon held to draw by Italian Champion Ernesto Formenti, 10 (non-title).

British Empire Champion Roy Ankarah stopped Belgian titleholder, Jean Machterlinck, 5.

Lauro Salas stopped Fabela Chavez to regain his California title, 12. Teddy (Red-Top) Davis outpointed Corky Gonzales, 8. George Araujo stopped Jimmy Cooper, 3. Auburn Copeland defeated Harry LaSane, 10.

Dai Davies decisioned Scottish Champion George Stewart, 10. Luis de Santiago retained Spanish title by kayoing Antonio Ruiz, 2, and following with another kayo over Hans Schomig, 5. Roger Bruneau drew with Asgar Warburg, 8.

Frankie Sodano outfought Hermie Freeman, 8. Billy Bossio belted out Pat Marcune, 1, and decisioned Johnny O'Brien, 8. Gene Smith decisioned Gaetano Annaloro, 10. Charlie Slaughter stopped Joey Cam, 5. Tony Amabile decisioned Rudy Bruno, 6, and Joe Pauiagna, 6. Rudi Langer drew with Javier Lirio, 8. Tommy Collins knocked out Bennie Smith, 2.

Frankie Carson nodded Filberto Osario, 6. Earl Hilton defeated Ray Castillo, 8. Danny Hirsh stopped Ron Wilson, 8. Gavino Furesi decisioned Modesto Asensio, 8, and repeated against Rivas.

Henry Brown flattened Kid Bundy, 1. Charley McGarrity kayoed Johnny Tovern, 2, and was outpointed by Gene Robnett, 6. Tommy Miller edged out Dante Venturi, 8. Billy (Spider) Kelly outpointed Harry Croker, 8.

Belgian Champion Jean Machterlinck won from Alex Sinnaeve, 10. Forty-six year old Phil Zwick kayoed Ted Sprouster, 2. Ramon Anglero iced Walter Zimick, 1, and lost to Jerry Kortright, 4.

Mike Ward halted Bobby Muller, 2. Otis Holmes stopped Jimmy Witherspoon, 4, and John Thornton, 2. Chuck Burton halted Ernest Knight, 3.

Dai Davies annexed vacant Welsh title by stopping Jackie Sutton, 5. Stan Skinkiss kayoed Roy Groome, 4. Billy Ashcroft flattened Percy James, 1.

Cyril Roberts won from Col Douglas, 12. Bluey Wilkins whipped Elley Bennett, 12. Charley Slaughter defeated Lulu Perez, 6.

Tony Amabile outpointed Jimmy Bing, 6. Ramon Anglero decisioned Armand Langlois, 4. Tony Cocco won over Billy Jones, 6.

Spanish Champion Luis de Santiago kayoed Leyton Lewis, 4.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS

French Champion Emile Chemama held to draw by Hadi Tijani, 10. Kid Andre drew with Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Peter Fay outpointed Ken Lawrence, 8, but was stopped by Johnny Barclay, 7. Mickey O'Sullivan whipped Jimmy Webster, 8.

Norman Tennant stopped Theo Nolten, 6. Jackie Fairclough outpointed Jean Binet, 10.

Billy Taylor halted Joe Quinn, 5. Jackie Willis outpointed Billy Skelly, 8. Jose Navarro kayoed Alonso, 1, and Garcia, 3. Kid Basey retained Nigerian title by outpointing Steve Jeffra, 12.

Asker Schone won from Ponchet, 6. Jimmy Brewer outboxed George Small, 6, and Harry Alley, 6.

Sid Hiom drew with Eric Payne, 6. Sandy Brown whipped Jim Fisher, 6. Chic Brogan outpointed flyweight Colin Clitheroe, 6.

Spanish Champion and former European titleholder Luis Romero halted Mariano Dias, 5.

### FLYWEIGHTS

Teddy Gardner stopped Joe Cairney, 8. Taffy Hancock regained Australian title by stopping Jimmy Laffin, 13.

Juan Cristobal lost on disqualification to Enzo Canadu, 3. Canadu also drew with Lucas Rubio, 8. Robert Garcia outpointed Mario Solinas, 10.

Juan Jose Gonzales decisioned Martinez de la Torrassa, 8. Jimmy Jennings outpointed Les Carter, 6. Colin Clitheroe was outpointed by bantamweight Chic Brogan, 6.

Colin Clitheroe outpointed Wilf Atherton, 6.

## Prospects of the Month

Flyweight—Ogli Tettey, West Africa
Bantamweight—Johnny Barclay, England
Featherweight — Gene Robnett, New York City
Lightweight—Frankie Ryff, New York City
Welterweight—Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
Middleweight — Moses Ward, Detroit, Mich.
Light-heavyweight—Phil Saxton, Elizabeth, New Jersey
Heavyweight—Hosea Chapman, Huntington, West Virginia

# ...With Our SERVICEMEN

## By CAMP CORRESPONDENTS

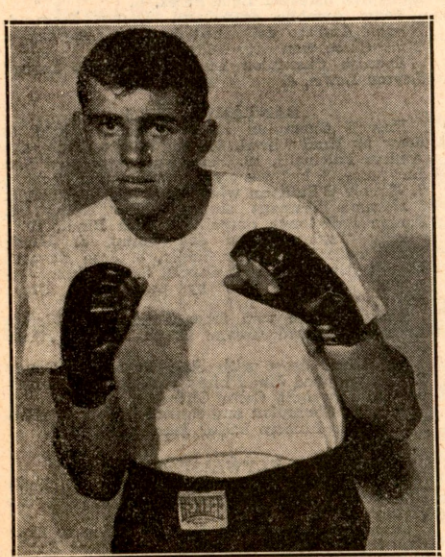
DUST off and lace up your gloves, all you doggies, leathernecks and tars! Plans are now being completed for a gigantic servicemen's boxing tournament on a scope never before dreamed of, thanks to the medium of television. Bowtie Jimmy Bronson, veteran manager and promoter, who handled similar events overseas during the First World War, will be in charge of this major effort.

Camp champions will be pitted against one another each week with their audience the video viewers stretched across the nation. It will be the survival of the fittest, where they separate the men from the boys—the winner advancing to another bout each week and possible fame, glory and a pot of gold at the end of the line. There's a new Gene Tunney out there among you and this promotion intends bringing you into the light.

This monthly feature will keep you covered on all the latest developments of the national tournament, bringing the stories of the fighters, how they are progressing and action photos of their bouts.

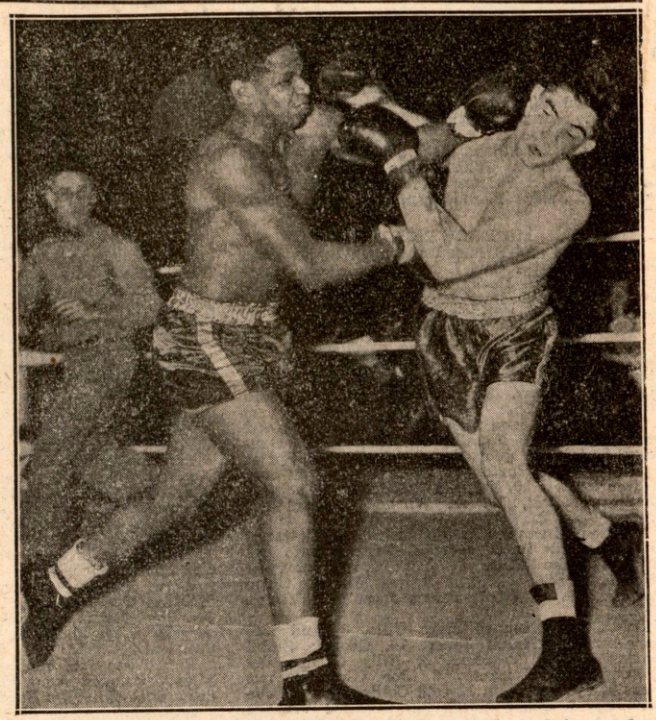
CAMP KILMER, N. J., has organized a strong boxing team which will be coached by Sgt. Henry Walling. There are four standouts on this team which is expected to do a good job of winning titles in the First Army Boxing Tournament. Aaron Reynolds, Buffalo, N. Y., was the New York State 1947 Golden Gloves middleweight champion, winning that crown when he was fourteen. William Kennedy, Jr., 21-year-older from Norwalk, Conn., took the 1949 Connecticut Golden Gloves welterweight title, the Fort Dix middleweight crown in 1950, and placed runner-up in the 1950 First Army middleweight competition.

Milton Christophe, 22-year-old welterweight who hails from New Orleans, has had four years' experience with the Los Angeles and New York Golden Gloves teams. Raymond T. Mason, 28-year-old middleweight from Philadelphia, Pa., placed runner-up in the Hawaiian Islands 1943 welterweight and 1944 middleweight championships.



*Pat McMurtry, brilliant amateur light-heavyweight from Tacoma, Wash., is now a member of the U. S. Marine Air Corps Reserve.*

Coach Walling, who hails from South River, N. J., is the possessor of an outstanding boxing record in both amateur and professional ranks. He began his ring career in 1934 and took part in many amateur bouts in the New England area. After joining the service in 1935, he entered competition in the Hawaiian Islands and annexed the runner-up position in the featherweight division. In 1936 he was crowned lightweight champion of the Islands. In 1937 he engaged in five amateur bouts before turning pro, winning them all by kayoes. Back in the U.S., he fought 60 professional fights and ended his ring career with a record of 40 wins, ten draws and ten losses.



*Cpl. K. King (left) of Ann Arbor, Mich., sends a left to the head of G. Miles, of Anacostia Naval Station, as he is on his way to the decision in the finals of a tournament held at Camp Lejeune, N. C.*

A FORMER Golden Gloves champion is tossing a new kind of punch, more deadly, these days. A flight of F-51 Mustangs killed more than 600 Reds recently in an attack in Eastern Korea. The flight was led by Capt. Milton B. Taylor, Weirton, W. Va. He won Golden Gloves titles in the middleweight division in 1939 and in the light-heavyweight class in 1940. Keep punchin', Captain!

In an attempt to improve and standardize officiating techniques in the Far East, a Boxing Coaches' and Officials' Clinic was held recently in Yokohama. The forty hour school, attended by 23 pugilistically minded members of Northern Command, featured such courses as refereeing, timekeeping, judging and coaching. An intensive course in the techniques of boxing was also included in the school's five day curriculum. The clinic was directed by Mr. William Katrishen, Northern Command Sports Director.

The Philadelphia Naval Base is staging fights in conjunction with the Police Athletic League. The bouts are supervised by Lt. Comd. Quinn and coached and trained by Ray Aliano, A. O. 1, and reservist Edward Aliano. The shows are televised and broadcast over WFIL-TV (Philadelphia), with the commentary being handled by Tommy Loughran, former light-heavyweight champion of the world, and Jack Lee, popular Philadelphia announcer.

The Alianos are really a fighting family. Ray fought Steve Belloise and Fred Apostoli while in the Navy. Jimmy, a nephew of Ed's, is a promising amateur boy with a good future ahead of him. Jimmy's father, Philip, was a professional battler. And Eddie, a good fighter in his own right, coached the war-time team

from San Diego to a team victory at the championships held in Los Angeles.

Pete Gagas, outstanding Columbus, Ohio, amateur in Golden Gloves tournaments, is now in service stationed at Lockbourne Air Field in Ohio. He has been appointed coach of the boxing team and recently led them to victory over the Port Columbus Naval team. Pete also doubles as a featherweight on the team.

PAT McMURTRY, the brilliant 19-year-old amateur light-heavyweight from Tacoma, Wash., is now a member of the U.S. Marine Air Corps Reserve. In the National A.A.U. tournament at Boston, Mass., last April the young Irish-Welsh lad scored two sensational knockouts before losing on a split decision in the semi-finals. He had suffered a broken right hand which undoubtedly lessened his chances of winning the title. McMurtry has won five Golden Gloves titles, the 1949 Yakima and Tacoma middleweight crowns, and also light-heavyweight titles in the 1951 Western Canada Diamond Belt tourney, the Tacoma Golden Gloves and the Northwest Golden Gloves.

Dick Francisco, an outstanding boxing coach, is in the same outfit with Pat. Dick is a captain in the service and on three trips to the National A. A. U's in Boston, did a bang-up job of handling the entries from the Pacific Northwest Golden Gloves clubs.

McMurtry is handled by Homer Amundsen, of Tacoma, a veteran of over thirty years in the game. Two other boxers under his direction are now in the service, stationed overseas. Pat, who is tremendously popular in the Northwest, has had fifty-five amateur bouts, showing two losses, both on split decisions.

Joe Moran, of San Antonio, Texas, a two time Golden Gloves district champion, is stationed at Alamo City, with the U.S. Army. He has scored four straight kayoes in the professional ranks, the latest being over Whitey Berlier.

Eddie Brant, a hard-hitting southpaw, who served in the Navy during World War Two, has re-enlisted and is now at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He is the assistant coach of the boxing team.

Dick Lane, a Buffalo, N. Y., soldier stationed at Guam, recently decisioned Boy Brooks, of Manila, a veteran middleweight who had fought Bobo Olson, Alfie and Dave Sands, and Flashie Sebastian. Lane's victory won for him the middleweight championship of the Mariana Islands.

Terry (Rocky) Smith, of Detroit, Mich., who was handled by Pat Carroll, is now a private in the Army and is stationed in Japan.

Clarence (Buddy) Lair, a Marine Staff Sergeant and an outstanding Golden Glover in Toledo, Ohio, two years ago, is recovering from wounds received in combat in Korea.

*Master Sgt. Lew Jenkins smiles with satisfaction on learning that he is to be decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea. He is serving with the U. S. 2nd Infantry Division.*

Sal Puzzo, of New Jersey, an ex-Golden Gloves champion who was an excellent prospect before going into service, is back in the United States after being wounded three times in Korea.

Hal Kilman, a heavyweight from Texas, has joined the Marine Corps, and Bob Golden, a professional light-heavyweight from Denver, Colo., is stationed at Lowry Field.

Stan Kursa, Detroit lightweight who has been fighting pro for three years, recently went into the Army, and Luther Burgess, another Motor City lightweight, a veteran who has a fine pro record, has done his bit and been discharged from the Army.

SOMEONE once wrote of Lew Jenkins that "Fight" was his middle name. And so we were not surprised but rather anticipated that Jenkins, now serving with the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, would once again make the headlines, once again show that he is a fighter.

Though details have not reached us at this writing, it has been officially reported that Master Sgt. Lew Jenkins has received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea.

Details aren't really necessary, however, for we know this man who came out of the hobo-camps, the army barracks, the slaughter houses and cotton fields to fight his way to the world lightweight championship in 1940 by stopping the wonderful Lou Ambers. We know this man who had a devil-may-care and bent-for-hell attitude all through his life and never shunned a fight.

With this skinny, leather-faced and battle-scarred veteran of many campaigns things can't remain quiet too long. If there is a fight going on he'll be in the thick of it. If things are quiet, he'll find some way to stir up a little action.

Jenkins was born in a little town in Texas, the date of that event being listed as December 4, 1916. But there are some people who believe he is older and it reminds us of a story connected with his fight with Nick Castiglione in Chicago in 1946.

As the doctors were giving him his pre-fight medical examination one of the medics asked Lew, "How old are you?"

Jenkins looked up and answered, "Me? 31 years."

The doctor in all seriousness shook his head and said, "No, you didn't understand me. I didn't ask you how long you've been fighting, I asked you for your age."

As a youngster he had toured the Southwest, working when and where he could for the time was the mid-Thirties, the height of the depression years in this country. He joined the U.S. Cavalry and as a raw-boned kid was seen in fight clubs taking a bout for a couple of bucks, losing often, battling always. He was a comparatively unknown youngster when he came to New York and stood the Big City on its collective ear by dynamiting his way to the world title and just as quickly slipped to mediocrity.

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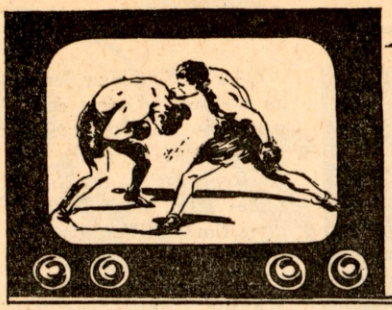


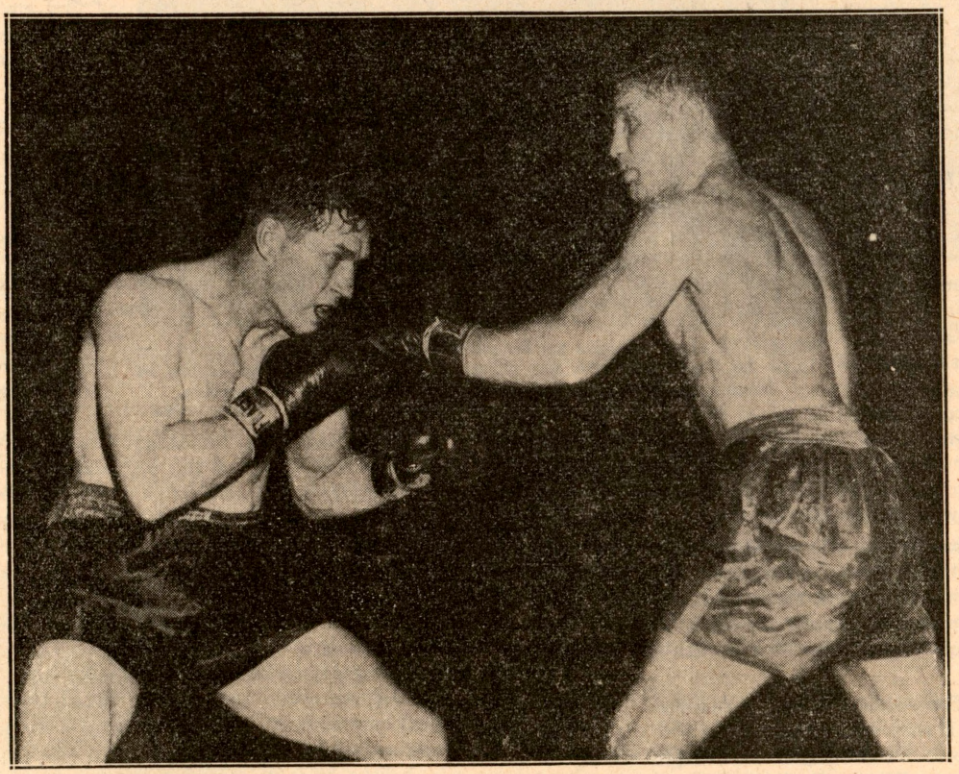
# TELEVISION and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

ALL forms of viewing boxing on television lack something, whether you are watching it at home, at your neighborhood tavern or at a theater. The atmosphere is just not there. You don't get the feel of the crowd and you don't get the vivid realism you do when you watch the fighters perform in the flesh.

How to get around that has been puzzling a number of people for quite a while. Jim Hendy, formerly the publicity director for the New York Rangers and now managing director of the Arena, Cleveland, in conjunction with the International Boxing Club feel that they have the happy, though not perfect, solution.

The idea basically is that while there are countless theaters which can be converted to TV the fights, they are of comparatively limited capacity and at the same time it is a destructive influence on the game. While you have bouts originating from a big center and, in the future, televised into perhaps several thousand theaters, promoters throughout the country are hurt appreciably and eventually forced to close their gates permanently. The problem is to, while televising the bigger matches which people throughout the country want to see, keep it safe for promoters to continue to operate and develop young fighters for the main events of tomorrow.



*With the transcontinental relay system now open to video and the Northern California Managers Association allowing live TV showings of fights, East Coast fans may soon be having an opportunity to view Far West scrappers like Harry Matthews (left) and Grant Butcher first hand. Matthews, ranking light-heavyweight, recently halted Butcher, state heavyweight champion, at San Francisco.*

That can be done in one way. Televise into the larger arenas and auditoriums which normally handle boxing shows and before the "big fight" comes on the screen, have five or six "in the flesh" local bouts. Essentially, the project is sound. A person who goes out to see a televised fight usually wants an evening of boxing.

He's there in the arena watching the young local boys he knows, some of whom will develop into headliners, and he is also seeing the big match which without television he ordinarily would have no opportunity of seeing.

Jim Hendy, who has been toying with this idea for some time, has some definite plans for it now.

"WHEN I noted that the theaters were now piping in these boxing shows, the thought occurred to me that if it could possibly be arranged, these shows belonged in the arenas. There were a number of reasons for this thinking. And it is vital to the future of boxing that youngsters be encouraged and that the small fight club continue to exist.

"Television undoubtedly can ruin out-of-town boxing in such centers as Cleveland unless young fighters are given the opportunity to come along. At the present time they do not have this opportunity. My plan was that in buildings such as the Cleveland Arena every Friday night we have the usual preliminary matches, so arranged that the bout that would precede 10:00 p.m. on the card could be terminated by mutual agreement the moment the 'Big Show' was ready to come over the wire. A large four-sided screen would then be placed or lowered over the ring and the 'main bout' would be piped in from whatever center it was coming.

"Frankly, it is almost impossible to put together a profitable fight card today because there are so few feature bouts available to the out-of-town arenas. Under the proposal which we have advanced to the International Boxing Club, the smaller arenas would continue to put on their preliminaries and at the same time would have a feature attraction, ordinarily unavailable, to offer the fans. For example, the Robinson-Turpin bout was televised into a Cleveland theater with a limited seating capacity of 3,000 and the charge was $2.40 per ticket. Only a handful of persons who wanted to see that fight and were willing to pay for it were able to squeeze their way into the theater. Had the bout been televised into the Arena and supported with some fair preliminary bouts there would have been no trouble selling out the building at a top of $5.00 or even $7.50.

"We are looking into the matter thoroughly. As a member of

the International Association of Auditorium Managers, and of the Arena Managers' Association, I was named on a committee to go into this further. I have discussed it with Mr. Jim Norris, of the IBC, on several occasions. But, as you know, there are many angles in this television business with a number of organizations willing to spend hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions to gain exclusive rights to the televising of fights on a nation-wide scale.

"The big promoters who are running boxing in this country know what is best for the game and will not let it eventually be choked off. Televising big-show main events into the . ous arenas, and supporting them with local preliminary matches is the answer and I believe that sometime soon we will get this form of a boxing card and that the fans will warmly sup ort it."

TELEVISION was the big news along the West Coast in recent weeks, what with the opening of the transcontinental relay system to video and the initial shows that resulted from it. More important to boxing fans was the fact that Norman Smiley, president of the Northern California Boxing Managers' Association, disclosed that its members have approved live television of Bay Area fight cards.

The last time shows were TV'ed from the Hollywood Legion Stadium, in 1949-1950, the club lost $250,000 in business and so this new development bears close watching. The Stadium had been one of the most successful little fight clubs for many years until it took on television and then found after a year that they were battling to stay open, so heavy had the inroads of TV made into their patronage.

With the approval of live television California promoter Jimmy Murray immediately closed to run his shows on video for 26 consecutive weeks at a reported $2,500 per show. Fighters on every card would receive a minimum of $1,800 for television rights alone, with main eventers receiving a guarantee of $400 plus a percentage of gate receipts as well. Prelim scrappers will double the take they have been getting.

Murray will run his Oakland shows on either Wednesday or Thursday, nights which would not conflict with any other boxing show in the area covered by the telecast—San Francisco to San Diego.

LIVE boxing cards on Wednesday (Pabst) and Friday (Gillette) are now reaching the West Coast and sponsors are going all-out in an attempt to outbid each other in seeing that the big fights are scheduled for the nights they are operating.

With Hollywood Legion Stadium running on Friday nights, and having had such drastic experience with TV, it was natural for a howl to be set up immediately. The Southern California Managers' Association wired a protest to the New York Boxing Guild which read:

"We earnestly urge you to try and do all within the Guild's power to stop the televising of fights from New York into the Los Angeles area on Friday nights. The Hollywood American Legion Stadium, owned and operated by Hollywood American Legion Post No. 43, with all proceeds going to the welfare of our war veterans, will be seriously injured by these telecasts from New York. The Hollywood Legion Stadium has held its boxing shows on Friday nights for the past twenty-nine years and it would be a serious blow to boxing and to all engaged in the boxing profession should this club cease to operate. We also feel a great injustice will be done to this fine club and boxing as a whole, if the Los Angeles area is not blacked out during these Friday night telecasts from New York."

The New York Guild's answer? "There's nothing we can do about it."

Naturally, in a nation-wide undertaking such as this certain clubs must suffer and the Legion Stadium is not alone in this category. At the same time we learn that there are several parties interested in putting the weekly Hollywood fights back on video.

THE Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin world middleweight championship fight, seen only at the Polo Grounds, at theaters equipped with TV reception and on film after the bout, caused such widespread interest that the Justice Department is looking into whether the television and radio blackout of the fight was contrary to anti-trust laws. Representative Pat Sutton, Democrat of Tennessee, said that the department is making the study at his request.

It is based on the proposition that "anything in interstate commerce is subject to regulations by the government."

Representative Sutton contends that TV fans were improperly denied a view of the fight, since it was broadcast on a closed TV circuit to 14 theaters and was not carried on radio or regular television broadcasts.

To this has been added Councilman James Clark's, of Philadelphia, statement that he has asked his city council to urge the state legislature to ban closed circuit television broadcasts to theaters for which an admission is charged.

Clark also submitted a proposed ordinance requiring an annual city license of $1,500 to be paid by places showing such programs.

More fuel was put on the fire when the right of theaters to present exclusive telecasts of championship sports events was strongly defended by Samuel Pinanski, retiring president of the Theater Owners of America.

Pinanski, president of American Theaters Corporation of Boston, made his defense of Theater-TV at the association's annual convention in New York, in reply to congressional criticism of theater telecasts of the Robinson-Turpin affair.

"No one would deny," he said, "that the fight was a private venture, staged for private profit—and that radio, film and television rights are the private property of the fight promoters. I know of no legal requirement that private property be given free to the public. Nor do I know of any legal requirement that the fight promoters should sell the right to any one class of purchaser as against another."

And on the battle rages!

VIC MARSILLO is the unusual type of fight manager active these days. His business isn't selling dresses, raising mink or peddling neckties. His business is boxing. He looks on it in just that manner, not as a sideline which offers him the opportunity to meddle with the lives and careers of youngsters.

So it is lucky for boxing that the man has a quick wit and a good style of delivery for his radio program, broadcast from Jack Dempsey's famous restaurant on Broadway in New York City, which has done much to teach the general public more of the "inside of boxing."

The six weeks stint is heard six nights a week over WNJR (Newark), from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., as he interviews celebrities of the boxing and sports world in addition to famous names of other fields.

Boxing problems are discussed and Vic doesn't put anyone on the spot even though it's all informal. But he feels that those representing the sport, as officials, managers, writers and the fighters themselves, should be made to take a stand one way or the other on certain issues.

"The boxing fan and the public at large is entitled to know what those connected with the game, without reading from a prepared statement, really think about boxing."

Marsillo, who was a professional fighter in his younger days, brought Jersey Joe Walcott out of the shipyards and as his manager pushed and fought for him to receive recognition as a title contender.

Fighters he is handling now are Wallace Bud Smith, classy Cincinnati lightweight; Charley Fusari, popular New Jersey welterweight; Archie Devino, veteran Newark featherweight, and Percy Bassett, ranking featherweight from Philadelphia. He holds a contract on George (Sugar) Costner until 1955, but will not let the boy fight because of an eye injury. Costner, until he had to retire because of the eye, was the best welterweight in the business, barring Ray Robinson.

Vic started as a disc jockey from Charlie Fusari's restaurant in Newark, N. J., over WNJR and was so successful that he

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# NEWS of the.. mat WORLD

## By NAT LOUBET

ARNOLD SKOALAND, known as the "Golden Boy," is a 25-year-old grappler of Norwegian descent, who was born and brought up in White Plains, New York. An all-around athlete in high school Arnold turned to amateur boxing and was successful in this endeavor winning a chestful of medals.

Then came the war and he spent three years in the Marines. While in the service Skoaland entered the big mat tournaments and came out on top. It was then that he made his big decision . . . to become a professional wrestler.

For three years now the broad-shouldered, wiry youngster has been in the grunt and groan biz and his record stands at having participated in over 200 matches with less than 10 losses.

He has wrestled all over the U.S. and in Canada and in March of last year he captured the Northwestern Canadian title in Vancouver by defeating Jack O'Reilly in one hour and 28 minutes.

Clean, clever, and a fast grappler, Arnold can play dirty when the occasion demands, as seen by his wins over the Italian Blimp and Rudy and Wally Dusek.

He is catching on with the women fans and is expected to have a big year as wrestling goes indoors for the winter season.

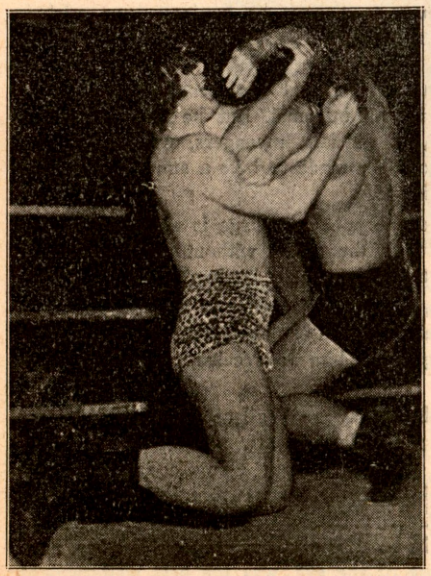


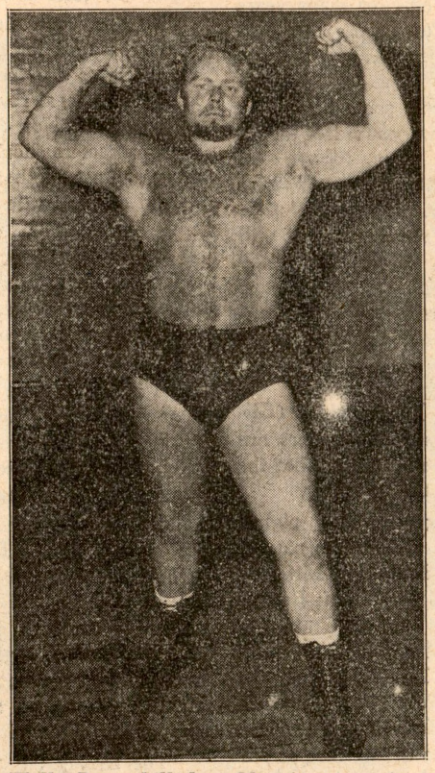
Photo by Bob Utter

*Wild and Woolly Jungle Boy isn't satisfied with his own abundance of hair and tries to grab a hank of the head of Scotty Williams.*

IN wrestling, perhaps more than in any other sport, we find as we write about the mat stars, that in the main they are all around athletes and men of exceptional mental capacities.

Wally Dern, "Mr. Americus," is a good example. Six foot two, 245 pounds, a blond adonis hailing from Howard Beach, Long Island, his career in athletics has been outstanding. While in school he was a three-letter man and an outstanding scholar.

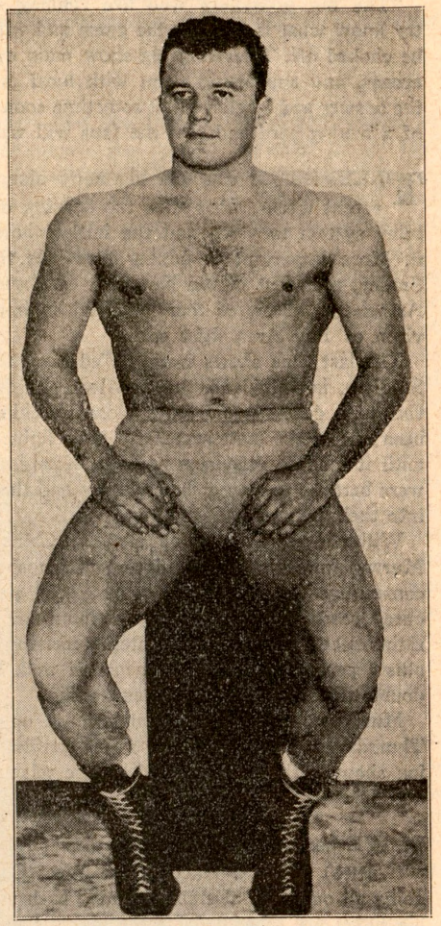
Dern was headed for advance education when an unfortunate whim of the gods intervened. His father, a noted artist, passed away leaving Wally to fare for himself. He did just that. First he joined a circus, then country fairs and to add to his meagre earnings he drew sketches of the people who attended the shows.



*Wally Dern, billed as Mr. Americus, is a blonde adonis, who is becoming one of the brightest stars of the mat world.*

An ex-veteran of World War II, in which Wally enlisted and served as a physical instructor in the U.S. Army, the serious-minded lad after his discharge attended the Art Students League for four years.

One day after sitting in front of his drawing board for some 12 hours he decided to take a workout. To George Bothner's gym went Wally where he met Abe Coleman, an Eastern mat favorite in the pro wrestling loop. Abe, taken by Dern's physical build and muscular makeup, suggested a wrestling career for the artist. And so "Mr. Americus" was born.



*Arnold Skoaland, a Norwegian from White Plains, N. Y., was once an amateur fighter but is now a successful wrestler.*

Asked about his remarkable foot work Wally credits it all to his mother, a former ballet dancer in Europe, who taught Wally the art of ballet in his youth.

Those who have seen the handsome grappler at work predict a big future for him.

WHILE on the topic of all-around athletes with a lot of grey matter in the upper story—here's another. He's known as the Great Scott by the wrestling clan and the boy has ability to burn.

He was born at St. Andrew, Scotland, and has carried his Scottish background into his wrestling career. Wherever the law permits "The Great One's" entrance

is preceded into the ring by his bagpiper, a native Scotch lad by name Robbie Burns. To further augment the illusion he has been seen walking the streets in kilts.

A four letter man in sports and a graduate of the College of Tulsa he calls Camden, New Jersey, where he was brought up, his home. He stands six foot one and toes the Toledoes at 225. He won his letters at wrestling, track, swimming and was a back on the Tulsa College football team.

During the last war Scott was a physical instructor in the Navy under Gene Tunney. In 1945 after his discharge Scott decided on a wrestling profession. Early in his career he worked with the famous "house wreckers," the Dusek brothers, with whom he worked along the East Coast of the U.S. Then he campaigned in Scotland, Ireland and England with great success. On his return to the land of the Stars and Stripes he invaded the Pacific Coast where he made a hit.

He enters the ring attired in expensive Scotch plaid robes or jackets with trunks to match . . . his mode of attack is speed, agility, with sufficient power to make the grade. Cunning and tricky, he makes use of more than one style and is a hard man for opponents to figure as they never know which attack he will use. He will be seen in leading mat centers around the U.S. this winter.

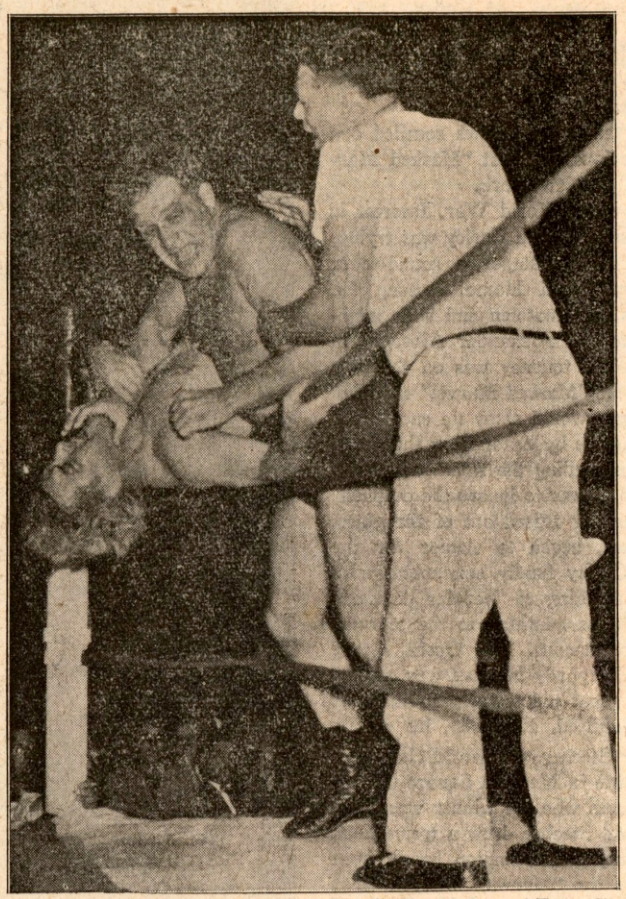


Photo by Wm. M. Peters of Kansas City

*Bobby Burns goes berserk and manhandles Gorgeous George in a Kansas City bout. Lou Spandle disqualified him and it took eight wrestlers to finally subdue him.*

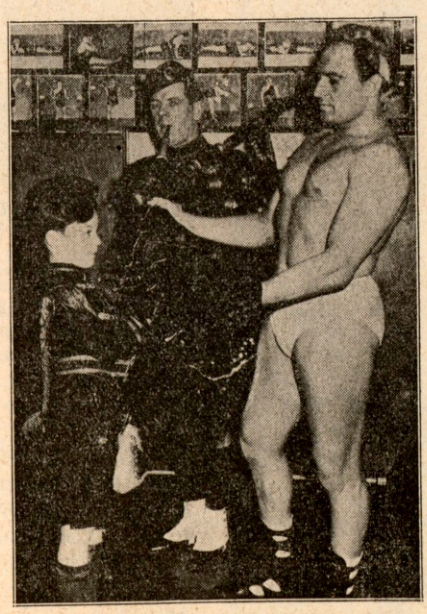
TOAR MORGAN is a Marine hero, 29 years of age, standing six feet two inches and weighing 260 pounds. He's been wrestling as a pro for some ten years and is a native of Nashville, Tenn.

His recollections of his youth have two outstanding memories. His desire to wrestle and a schoolmate who later became one of America's outstanding thrushes. . . . Who was it? None other than Dinah Shore.

Toar has met the mat world's top men: Lou Thez, Frank Sexton, Ukon Eric and on and on. He holds wins over men like Adrien Baillargeon, Cyclone Anaya and Andre Drapp. Who says wrestlers don't get hurt? Drapp was taken to the hospital, he was so badly used up by Toar.

His popularity is shown by the number of Toar Morgan fan clubs that have sprung up all around the U.S. and Canada. Barry Lloyd Penhall, Toar's man Friday, has been going crazy answering mail from Toar's fans.

He is married to a Canadian girl—has been a wrestling promoter at Lindsey, Ontario . . . is one of Canada's top attractions. Currently wrestling for Joe Malcewitcz in California after several matches at Vancouver. Has toured the U.S., Australia, Hawaii, Mexico and all of Canada.



*George "The Great Scott," an all-round athlete at the University of Tulsa, checks over his vestments as Robbie Burns, his bagpiper, looks on.*

The Tennessee Tornado is a fast scientific grappler whose elbow smash is regarded as one of the most effective in pro circles. He wrestles clean or a la "villain" as the occasion demands. He has probably wrestled more in Canadian rings than any other top mat man.

A gourmet, Toar is constantly on the lookout for new dishes that he can reproduce in his own kitchen. He is considered one of the strongest wrestlers in the world. In a contest of strength he matched the fabulous Yukon Eric.

Morgan's rating of the top three of the mat world runs: Lou Thez, world champ; Frank Sexton and Ruffy Silverstein in that order.

AGE 23 — Height 5′ 5″ — Weight 138 — blue eyes; fair complexion; red hair. Graduated from high school at Hazard, Kentucky, Spring of 1942. . . . That's Cora Coombs!

Played guard on Girls' High School Basketball Team at Hazard, Kentucky. Was Cheer Leader for the High School Football, Baseball Teams, and was a track star.

Cora has a very good singing voice. It came natural to her to sing either Alto or Soprano, and soon after leaving high school she became a professional singer and sang for three years with the Hill Billy organization known as the Trail Riders, whose headquarters are in Nashville, Tennessee, where Cora now makes her home.

A wrestling enthusiast, Cora came to a decision that she must be a girl wrestler and that nothing could stop her. She kept after Nick Gulas, the Nashville wrestling promoter, until he gave her a chance.

Gulas sent her to Columbus, Ohio, for special wrestling training and with only a few months of training, she started making some of her own challenges to girl wrestlers all over the country, with the result that she is now booked and advertised throughout the wrestling world as one of America's most beautiful and attractive wrestlers.

THE saying goes that bad luck usually runs in streaks. Well, Billy Wolfe and his wife, Mildred Burke, world's champion woman wrestler, have had their share. Back in July their 18-year-old adopted daughter, Janet Wolfe, collapsed during a tag team bout at Columbus, Ohio. She passed away shortly thereafter. Two days shy of two months later Mildred and son, Bill Wolfe Junior, were

seriously injured in an auto accident on the Mojave Desert. We hope that all the bad luck is out of the way and nothing but good luck will attend them from here on in.

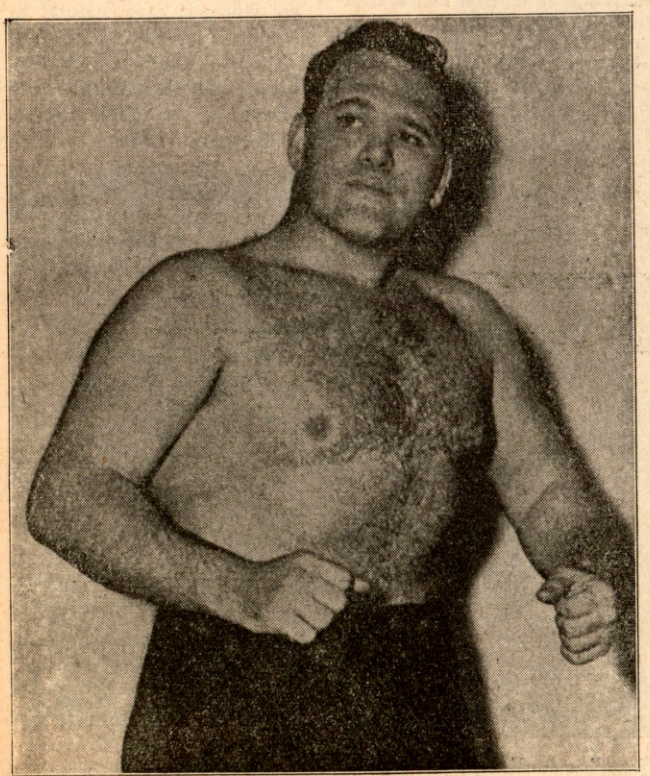
THE mat world has produced many a colorful, enterprising promoter, but none more original or gifted with exciting showmanship than the late Jack Curley. Many of the stunts originated by Curley are still popular today.

It was during a recent gabfest that Jersey Jones recalled one of Curley's most celebrated promotions, the first "Masked Marvel," and the sensation it created in New York.

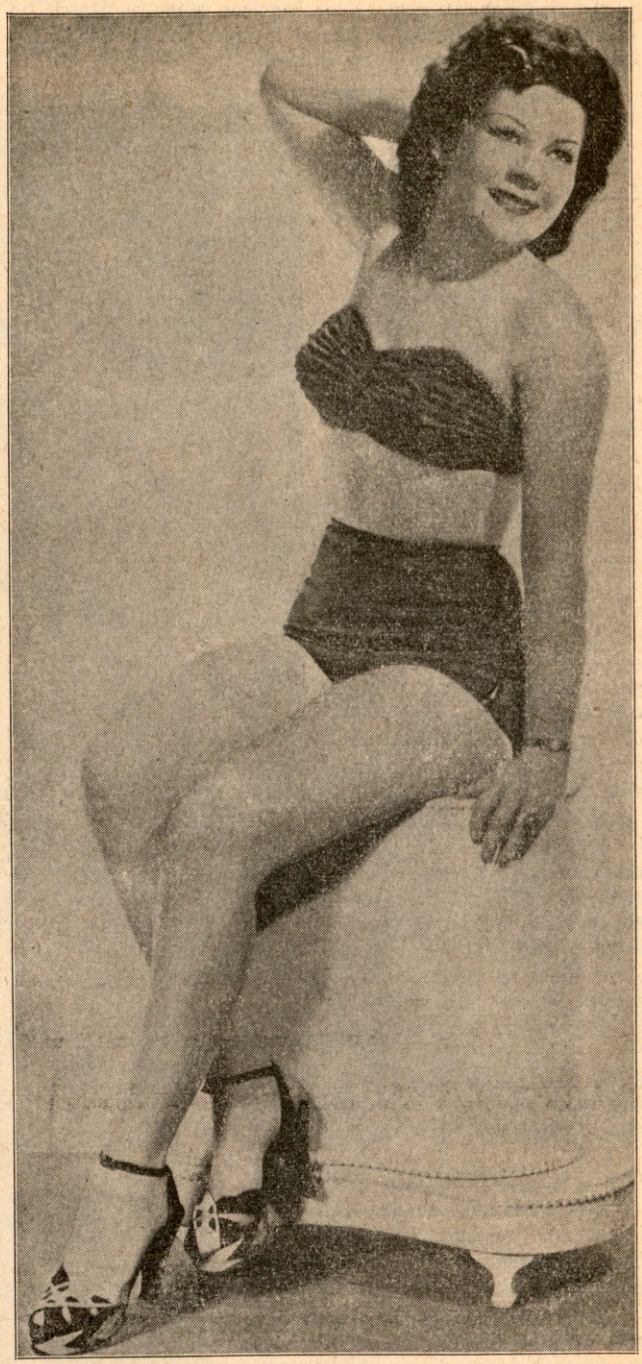
It was around the time of the First World War. Interest in wrestling in New York was at a low ebb, and Curley was trying, without much success, to revive it. He staged a round-robin tournament at the old Lexington Opera House. Among the entries were several of America's best matmen and such international stars, as Wladek Zbyszko and Alexander Alberg. But the public didn't seem interested. The tourney was on the way to becoming a financial flop when the "Masked Marvel" suddenly hove into view. He and his manager would show up each night and create a disturbance at the ringside by denouncing the show, challenge everybody in the cast, and calling the wrath of heaven down on Curley's head. Jack would appear to ignore the outburst, or have the unknown and his manager tossed out of the place.

The public, its curiosity aroused, began to clamor for the "marvel" to be given a chance. Curley finally announced, with apparent reluctance, that he was acceding to "popular demand" and the mysterious stranger would be admitted to the tourney. The box-office reaction was instantaneous. The Opera House began playing to packed houses. Everybody in town was excited and guessing the identity of the great unknown, who declared that he wouldn't unmask until defeated. Naturally, he wasn't.

Curley then announced that Joe Stecher, the world champion, had accepted terms to defend his title in Madison Square Garden with the winner of the tourney. Guess who the winner was. Surprise! It was the "Marvel." He and Stecher drew a tremendous gate when they met, but apparently the champion hadn't been informed of the stunt—or perhaps the "Marvel" believed what he'd been reading and hearing about himself and was convinced he really was that good. At any rate, the match went in as a strictly up-and-up proposition. It was no contest. Stecher completely outclassed the "Marvel" and dumped him in a hurry. The unknown, unmasked, proved to be Mort Henderson, a third-rate journeyman worker.



*Toar Morgan, one of the most scientific wrestlers in the game, hails from Nashville, Tenn. Barry Penhale is the president of the Toar Morgan Fan Club, operating out of Weston, Ont., Canada.*



***Cora Coombs, from Hazard, Ky., is advertised as one of America's most beautiful and attractive girl wrestlers and naturally has a large following.***

HERE AND THERE. . . . Max Baer, former heavyweight boxing king, refereeing in San Francisco and environs. . . . New Boxing and Wrestling Commissioner of New York State, Robert K. Christenberry, has a favorite among the groaners . . . it's Lord Carlton, currently making a big hit on the Pacific Coast!

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Joe Corbett drawing them in in New Orleans. . . . At Baltimore, Maryland, the Golden Terror, rough-housing behemoth, who toes the Toledos at 278, top "villain" in the area, was upset

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## DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
By Leonard Neill

TWO weeks short of his 21st birthday, ruggety Peter Galleymore came through with a fine victory when he stopped veteran Ginger Jonker in the fourth of a ripping battle in the Durban City Hall before a well-packed holiday crowd.

This victory gained for Galleymore the Natal welterweight title. He sent Jonker crashing to the boards in the first, repeated the dose in the second and made no mistake in the fourth. The Ginger one was spreadeagled on the canvas when the towel fluttered into the ring.

Galleymore scaled 143 lbs., Jonker 140½.

Marcus Temple, 112¾, cut loose with left hooks to head and body to score a third round victory over Johnny Engelbrecht, 119½, the towel fluttering in from the latter's corner.

Bernard Nel, 136¾, sneaked home a close points winner over Jack van der Merwe, 138, in a scrambling six-rounder. The four-rounders saw Len Westermeyer, 169½, stop Barney van der Merwe, 170½, in the first and Davie Fourie, 156¼, beat Spud Murphy, 159¾, handily on points.

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Down in Port Elizabeth, Promoter Scotty Dickeos is keeping the fight game alive and gave his paying public a treat when he billed the Toweel's, Vic and Jimmy, in a good exhibition on his latest promotion.

Angus MacDonald met Lawrie Dawson in the main bout, a lightweight eight-rounder which found MacDonald a winner via the short route in the second round.

Light-heavyweight Johnny Risko gained a good points victory over Transvall champion Jack Krynauw in a sixer, while Johnny McCoy, of Johannesburg, produced a devastating right hook to knock out Danny van der Westhuizen in the second. The latter suffered a fractured jaw in the process.

Middleweight Les Henry of Pretoria gave a game display against Vic Morrick. Giving his man 19½ pounds in weight. Henry was holding his own when the fight was halted in Morrick's favor in the third.

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Baby Batter, former Non-European welter king, essayed a come-back in Port Elizabeth which turned out to be a ridiculous affair when he met the Congo Kid. The latter, a mediocre battler, handed the Babe a severe shellacking and romped off with a one-sided victory.

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Boxing in Natal, both white and Negro, suffered a great loss with the passing of William (Bill) Latham, one of the greatest trainers in the last two decades. He died after a lengthy illness.

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Little Marcus Temple made the critics sit up and take notice when he handed national 112-lb. king-pin Kalla Persson a bad beating before scoring a seventh round K.O. in the Durban City Hall to become the new South African champion.

Temple started quietly, but by the end of round one had matters under control, and from that point battered the champion from pillar to post to score a lop-sided victory in a fight that was anticipated as an evenly-matched affair.

Lou Strydom, new heavyweight threat from Pretoria K.O.'ed the nervous Rex Christie in the first. Howard Fraser, promising Natal light-heavyweight, scored an impressive second round knockout over Sailor Engelbrecht.

Club-mates Bernard Nel and Cliff Magree, both fighting as lightweights, knocked out Albert Strydom and George Roberts in two and one rounds respectively. Every fight ended via the knockout route.

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My address is still P.O. Box 1902, Durban, Natal, South Africa.

## KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

BOBBY SPAETH, Kansas' heavyweight champion, who made a hit in Chicago when he appeared in the semi-windup of the Ray Robinson-Jake LaMotta titular card in his draw bout with Floyd Gibson, will now do his fighting for Uncle Sam. The handsome Topekan entered the service on October 22.

Spaeth began his ring career six years ago, winning the Golden Gloves middleweight title. The following year he annexed the light heavyweight crown and the next season, captured the heavyweight bauble. Since turning professional, Spaeth has engaged in 23 contests, winning 20. With the money this good-looking youngster made in boxing, he bought a dump truck and has expanded his business until now he owns a fleet of them. A former football star at Kansas State, Spaeth would make a good physical instructor while in the service.

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"The Ring Magazine," a boxing fan recently wrote, "is by far the world's best boxing publication." We will second the motion after seeing several new magazines which recently hit the newsstands. Besides being published on the eye appealing slick paper, The Ring is attractively arranged and the November issue especially so with its new boxed-in "Ring Ratings for the Month." Also up-to-the-last-minute is the magazine's very attractive new section, "Television and Boxing," edited by Johnny Salak. And of course the Old Maestro's world wide comments, "Nat Fleischer Says," is tops.

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Like other Ring correspondents, your writer receives many letters from England, Australia, Ireland, Canada and from all sections of the United States asking about different fighters and the game. We will try to answer these but please send a self addressed envelope.

Charles Meyers, Kansas City's ace boxing coach is scheduled to take his charges to Des Moines, Ia. Topeka amateur boxers are slated to show soon in K.C. Topekans who will fight the K.C. team are, Sammy Keener, Topeka's feather-weight champion, now a full fledged lightweight; Duane Slusser, hard hitting lightweight; Hugh Russell, classy feather; Bob Cummings and Clyde Hinkle, rugged middleweights; Jerry Burgin and Bob Bailey, sharp-shooting 126 pounders. Duane Cockran, blond heavyweight, will also appear on the card.

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## AIKEN, S. C., NEWS
By J. R. Lybrand

PROMOTER CYCLONE COPLEY opened his first boxing card in Augusta, Ga., on October 4, after a lapse during the summer months. He also announced from the ringside that his weekly shows in Aiken, S. C., would start November 1. Boxing should be at its best in this section shortly. It is predicted that June 1, 1952, we'll have 35,000 on the payrolls of the huge H-Bomb plant near Aiken, S. C.

Hal Meredith, the Macon, Ga., middleweight, won an unpopular decision over Ray Clark, of Charlotte, on Copley's first card. The judges and referee were divided as to their opinion. Judges Farington and Hardy gave Meredith the nod while Referee Bob Johnson figured that Clark won five rounds, Meredith one, and four even. Meredith weighed 152, and Clark 156.

The best match of the evening was a six-round battle between Sonny White, of Augusta, and Charley Ferguson, Greensboro, N. C., battler. Ferguson carried off the decision, but not before the scrappy White had given him a good working over. Each weighed 145 pounds.

Dan Vanderford, 159, Greenville, S. C., and Jim Briggman, 156, former University of South Carolina boxer from Orangeburg, fought to a draw in another six. Briggman was the aggressor most of the way.

Sam Harold, 175, Augusta, knocked out Stan Kelley, 169, of Aiken, in the second round, and Earl Watkins, of Graniteville, fought a four-round draw with Kangaroo Bryant, of Aiken.

About 30 patients from the Veterans' Hospital were guests of Copley at the bouts. The paid crowd was small but enthusiastic.

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Eddie Jackson, heavyweight, formerly of Los Angeles now located in Aiken, will probably be seen in action in this section in the near future. Jackson has met some of the better heavyweights in the country.

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Wrestling is going over in a big way in nearby Augusta and Columbia. Augusta has their weekly cards on Mondays and Columbia on Tuesdays.

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Fighters wishing to show in this section should contact the writer. The address: J. R. Lybrand, Box 190, Aiken, S. C.

## SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
By Mario Rivera Martino

MARTIN "COCOLISO" MALDONADO, 116¾, scored a T.K.O. over Jose Francisco Ramos, 117¾, in 1:10 of the ninth round of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. This bout lacked completely the action displayed by these same two boys in three previous encounters. They seem to know their respective styles pretty well and this naturally results in a poor bout. The only action in the fight came in the ninth heat when Maldonado found a good opening and went to work on his opponent with a two-fisted barrage causing the referee to stop the fight when Ramos momentarily lost his bearings.

In the semi-final Elias Valentin Viruet scored a T.K.O. in 1:20 of the third round over Felix Hernandez Carrion, 127. The boys were fighting at a fairly even pace when Felix received a bad cut on his forehead due to a butt.

Victor Velazquez, 141, gave Ramon Otero, 142, a sound thumping in another six-rounder. Jerry Kortright, 123, was given a split four round decision over Miguel Villanueva, 126. Victor Melendez, 112, slapped Johnny Acosta, 107, for four rounds to take the opener.

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Miguel Rosa Berrios, 120, Puerto Rico, was awarded a "hometown" decision over Jose Quezada, 118, Santo Domingo, in the feature ten-rounder at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. Bad weather produced a poor house and a not very exciting scrap. Despite this Quezada fought well and deserved the fight due to his strong early lead. The decision did not meet with the unanimous approval of the rain drenched fans.

The semi-windup saw Jimmy Garcia score an easy three-round kayo over Enrique Blanco (Bobby Pacho). Enrique had not seen action this season prior to this bout. They are welters. Hector Kortright, 118, avenged a previous defeat when he scored in six heats over Pastor Casado, 118.

Manuel Pagan, 110, continued his undefeated skein when he scored over Angel L. Rodriquez, 111. Federico Escalera, 135, scored over Angel Estrada, 135, in four heats.

In a wild and woolly affair which produced about everything you can expect in a fight, from knockdowns to butting and holding and from boxing to slugging, Juan E. Venegas, 124, scored an unpopular ten-round decision over Rafael Pichardo, 126, Santo Domingo. Handicapped by a badly cut eye early in the fight which on occasions blinded him, Venegas fought his heavier hitting foe blow for blow putting his unmatched boxing skill aside when he feared that the referee might stop the fight due to the damaged optic. Pichardo was dropped in the third round for a nine count. Jose Morell, 131, defeated David Cuevas, 135, in six savage rounds.

Felix H. Carrion, 127, scored a three-round kayo over Miguel Villanueva 124. Jorge Borrero scored over Jesus Maldonado in four rounds. They are bantamweights. Hector Garrido, 112, scored in the opening four over Johnny Acosta, 107.

Luis Ramos (Kid Guinche), 133½, scored in ten dull rounds over Pascual Sanchez (Kid Jiguerita), 126½, in the feature event at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. The boys were guilty of continuous holding and threw many round-house blows that failed to land.

The bright note of the card was the victory scored by undefeated Efrain (Cyclone) Santiago, 117¼, over the favored Martin (Cocoliso) Maldonado, 118, in eight fast rounds. The bout was very close and little Efrain had to fight every minute of the way to cop the verdict. Abimael Garcia, 117, made his pro debut a huge success when he scored in four rounds over Jorge Borrero, 118.

Jose Rivera Ortiz, 131½, scored a three-round kayo over Pastor Navarro, 131½. The opener saw Andres Velazquez score a four-round kayo over Hector Garrido. Both boys weighed 110¼.

## LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Larry Martin

PROMOTER MANNIE ALMEIDA presented Young Georgie Araujo and Jimmy Cooper, in his opening show of the fall season.

Almeida is planning to show the cream of the crop to the hungry fight fans of New England.

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Ralph Zannelli, local veteran middleweight, is training for a return shot at Jackie Lovatt, New England middleweight king.

Bobby Zollo, Townie middleweight, will shortly return to action.

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Harold Gomes, N. E. bantamweight champ, scored a couple of knockouts in his pro venture. The smooth boxing Fox Pointer won the sectional title in his first amateur fight.

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Willie Wilson, 18-year-old heavyweight, looks promising.

Tony Petronella was elected third vice president at the N.B.A. convention.

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There was only one fight card last month. Here are the results:

Rhode Island Auditorium—Georgie Araujo, 129, Providence, was too sharp and powerful for Jimmy Cooper, 124, Washington, D. C. Cooper was dropped for nine in the thirl and Referee Billy Lynch stopped the one sided affair shortly after.

Frankie Kid Anselm, made a hit in his initial showing here by outpointing Frankie Fay, 148, New Bedford, Anselm, 146, Philadelphia, eight rounds. Billy Mays, 135, Boston, stopped Curly Munroe, 131, Worcester, cut eye. Harold Gomes, 119, Providence, kayoed Billy Pierre, 120, Fall River, in two. Willie Wilson, 189, Providence, beat rugged Bobby Wood, 184, Northeaston.

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Fighters wishing work here, should contact this writer, 58 Columbia Ave., Edgewood, R. I.

# The Ring Question Box

**G. Bucchinelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

Q.—Is Joe Miceli fighting in the army or is he just training others? What about Paddy Young?

**A.—We have had no reports of Miceli or Young having had bouts since going into the service.**

**R. McIntyre, Dallas, Texas**

Q.—What is the birthdate and place of birth of Lew Jenkins and how old was he when he won the title?

**A.—Nat Fleischer's 1951 RECORD BOOK lists Jenkins as born at Milburn, Texas, on Dec. 4, 1916. Was 23 when he won the title in 1940.**

**M. E. Pendelton, GMSN, U. S. Navy**

Q.—Was there ever a 20-round bout scheduled between Joe Louis and Bob Pastor?

**A.—Yes. Louis won by a knockout in 11 rounds on Sept. 20, 1939, in Detroit.**

**Frank Bowen, Belleville, Ill.**

Q.—How old was Jimmy Braddock when he won the heavyweight title?

**A.—30 years old.**

**Lawrence Thompson, West Brighton, S. I., N. Y.**

Q.—What was the point score in the March, 1951, fight between Walcott and Charles?

**A.—Referee Rosen had it 9-5-1 for Charles; Judges Lenihan, 9-2-4 for Charles and Aspery, 11-3-1 for Charles.**

**Ring Reader, J. C., Fresno, California**

Q.—If a fight ends in between rounds ten and eleven in New York, what is the official verdict?

**A.—Until a few weeks ago, it was listed as a tenth round knockout but since then, a new rule has been placed into effect in New York which makes it mandatory for the boxer to re-**

**main seated until the bell for the next round sounds and then he is counted out. Thus at present it would be a knockout in the eleventh round.**

**F. E. Vaughan, Portsmouth, Va.**

Q.—Have Rex Layne and Bob Murphy fought?

**A.—No.**

**F. Louis, New York, N. Y.**

Q.—Did Charley Riley ever box Ike Williams, former lightweight champion of the world?

**A.—No.**

**Pfc. V. Urquhart, San Francisco, Calif.**

Q.—Of the two which was the fighter to draw the biggest gate or crowd, Beau Jack or Jack Dempsey?

**A.—Dempsey holds the record for both receipts and attendance. In the first Tunney fight at Philadelphia, there was a crowd of 120,757 present. The second Tunney fight grossed $2,658,660. What you may have in mind is the August 4, 1944, Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery fight at Madison Square Garden. 15,822 persons bought $35,863,900 in war bonds to view the bout. As the bonds belonged to them it certainly cannot be counted as gross receipts.**

**J. Litto, Miami, Fla.**

Q.—Did Ray Robinson ever fight Mike Evans?

**A.—They met on June 16, 1941, at Philadelphia, Robinson halting him in the second round.**

**A. Barr, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Q.—Have you any record of Eddie Barr, a Pittsburgh, Pa. lightweight who fought around 1915-1925?

**A.—Sorry, we have no record of Barr.**

**E. Littles, Lessburg, N. J.**

Q.—What round did Bob Lawson knock Jack Johnson out in Mexico in 1926?

**A.—Our records show that Johnson won on a foul in eight rounds.**

**N. Daley, Christobal, Canal Zone**

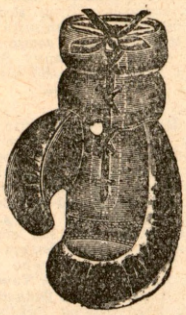
Q.—In what year was the Carnival of Champions show held and who were the boxers who took part in it?

**A.—The date was September 23, 1937. Fred Apostoli defeated Marcel Thil; Barney Ross won over Ceferino Garcia; Harry Jeffra beat Sixto Escobar; and Lou Ambers trounced Pedro Montanez.**

**B. Ellis, Chippingham, England**

Q.—Can you give me the result of the Carpentier-Arthur Townley fight and the place at which it was held?

**A.—Carpentier knocked out Townley in two rounds on May 1, 1924, at Vienna, Austria.**



**Bridge Gang, USS Pollux**

Q.—Has there ever been a heavyweight in modern history who has held the world title, been defeated or retired with it and then come back to regain the crown?

**A.—No heavyweight champion who has lost his title has been successful in regaining it. Only three have retired with the crown, Jeffries, Tunney and Louis. Jeffries failed in an attempt; Tunney remained retired; and Louis failed in a comeback "title" fight against Ezzard Charles, who was recognized by the N. B. A. and N. Y. at the time.**

**J. Graham, Sidi Slimaine, F. M.**

Q.—How many times have Ezzard Charles and Joey Maxim fought each other and were any of their bouts title affairs?

**A.—Charles and Maxim fought twice in 1942, on Oct. 27 at Pittsburgh, and Dec. 1 at Cleveland, Charles winning both ten-round decisions. Neither man was a champion at the time. Their third fight, on May 30 of this year, was a world heavyweight championship bout with Charles winning a fifteen-round decision.**

**S. Steinberg, Milford, Conn.**

Q. Did Dr. Vincent Nardiello ever fight as an amateur before becoming a doctor?

**A. Doc Nardiello, as most city boys of the time, learned to fight in the streets and with the aid of a book, then popular, by Terry McGovern called "How To Box." He did have some amateur fights and around 1902, at the age of 16, he had a few professional bouts.**

**M. Clement, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

Q.—Did any of your books ever run the records of Abel Baltiere or Leo Perrera, both Brooklyn fighters?

**A.—Baltiere's record is in the 1943 edition, now out of print. Perrera's record not listed.**

**S. Blake, Cleveland, Ohio**

Q.—In your Record Book, under Maxie Rosenbloom, you have him beating Harry Greb on July 16, 1925, at Cleveland, and in Greb's record, the fight held on the same date, you have it listed as taking place at New York City. Which is correct?

**A.—The bout was held at Cleveland. On Page 113, in Greb's record, change it to read Cleveland.**

**M. Masessa, Lawrence, Mass.**

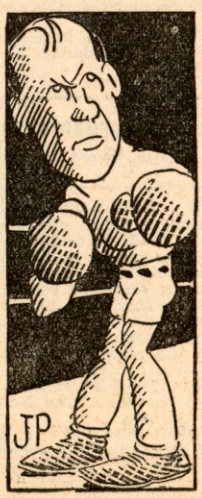
Q.—Did Ray Robinson score any knockdowns over Kid Gavilan in their two fights?

**A.—There were no knockdowns in either of the fights.**

**G. Horrell, Oakland, Calif.**

Q.—Did a Joe Louis fight ever draw a million dollars from the paid attendance, that is, excluding motion picture and radio rights?

**A.—Only one of Louis' fights reached the million dollar mark strictly from the paid attendance, the second Conn fight in 1946.**




**Thomas Morris, Chicago, Ill.**

Q.—How many times in Joe Louis' career was he scheduled to fight for twenty rounds? Did any of them go that limit?

**A.—Twice, against Bob Pastor and Abe Simon. No, both fights ended before the limit.**

**B. McDonald, Astoria, N. Y.**

Q.—When did Sandy Saddler fight Ray Famechon?

**A.—They have never met.**

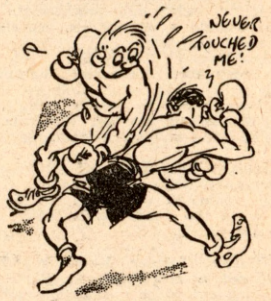
**W. Broderick, Clinton, Ia.**

Q.—Did Clarence Henry knock out Bob Murphy? What nationality is Lee Savold? Has any world champion ever gone through his entire career unbeaten?

**A.—He stopped Murphy. Norwegian-American. Jack McAuliffe.**

**Cpl. Thorne T. Kenny, USMC**

Q.—In Daniel M. Daniel's story on "Boxing's Record in World War II," he calls Barney Ross a sergeant and says that he held the DSM. I beg to differ with him. Barney never held a rank above corporal, and he won the Silver Star, which is a higher award than the DSM and, incidentally, is a combat medal which the DSM can be but also is awarded for non-combatant duty. If Barney was a sergeant, then




I'm sure he got the higher rating after his Guadalcanal duty.

**A.—You are correct. He received his sergeantcy at St. Alban's Hospital in New York on March 26, 1943. He did get the Silver Star. Thanks.**

**Stanley H. Cummings, Detroit, Mich.**

Q.—Who was the author of the poem, "The Kid's Last Fight"?

**A.—This was written by Aaron H. Hoffman. It had a sub title, "Or the story of the greatest ring strategy." Willie Britt often recited it on the stage. It was published in THE RING many years ago.**

**Mrs. Anna Standish, Allentown, Pa.**

Q.—How many title fights did Tommy Loughran engage in?

**A.—Six. He fought championship fights with Jimmy Slattery, Leo Lomski, Pete Latzo, Mickey Walker, Mike McTigue and James J. Braddock. You can get the complete record, with dates, etc. in THE RING Record Book for 1951. Every boxing enthusiast should get a copy of this encyclopedia.**

**William C. Hutton, Wilmington, N. C.**

Q.—In a fight in this state, one boy was knocked cold in the second round. The referee started the count, but the bell sounded before the boy was counted out. He was placed in his corner and then the bell sounded for the third round after he had a rest of a minute but he was unable to come out for the round. He was out, in fact, for fifteen minutes. The referee held up the hand of his opponent and ruled that he had won by a knockout.

This decision was severely criticized by local papers. Would the official decision be a knockout in the second or a technical knockout in the third. How can I obtain information on how a fight is judged?

**A.—The referee was 100 percent correct. The boy was knocked out in the third round, the round for which he could not respond. In some states it would be ruled a technical kayo in the third, but we call it a knockout for such it is—he was knocked out of time and could not continue.**

## NOTICE TO READERS

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# BRAVE MAN CHRISTENBERRY!

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rejoicing. The Governor underlined that he was naming a man who had boxed and who knew the business. Yet Eagan was far from the best chairman the boxing board has had.

So, it would seem, a knowledge of the sport is not necessary to success of stewardship. The greater requirement is soundness of judgment, a willingness to lash out at big and small alike. Favoritism cannot do anything but win friends. It cannot help the sport.

Christenberry learned a short time after he became chairman of the board that it was not a task for soft-skinned men. He was invited to be the guest in an interview on a television program conducted by Ted Collins, the long-failing football entrepeneur, and Kate Smith, the round singing lady.

Collins, who manifested a distaste for boxing as well as the mere bad taste of virtually insulting his guest, asked Christenberry how he had permitted himself to become associated with so amoral a sport as boxing.

Christenberry, who has what Broadway calls "Class", refused to become involved in an argument. He brushed off Collins as best he could. There are some forms of dust that do not brush away easily. Later, when he was told that Collins had taken undue advantage of him, Christenberry replied, "I learned early enough you don't get in a bull's way just because you are stubborn."

COLLINS had made capital of the fact that there had been some deaths in the ring recently. He slugged Christenberry with this fact. A magazine writer on hand for the interview told Christenberry he should have confronted Collins with the Gonzales report, turned in recently by Dr. Thomas Gonzales, veteran New York City medical examiner. This report disclosed that football, among all sports, had caused the most deaths in New York City. Boxing was farther down on the list.

"I'd have thrown that right at him," Christenberry said. "Should have had that."

Christenberry will have such information in his arsenal from here on out. He will learn because he has not taken upon himself a $10,000-a-year-job for the prestige or the money alone. He has been charged by Gov. Dewey with the task of keeping the boxing business alive. He will succeed.

When Christenberry isn't trying to learn something about the boxing business he is running one of the most famous hotels in the U.S.A., the Astor. Christenberry brings a varied background to the boxing job. He is 52 years old and was born in Milan, Tennessee. Pronounce that My-land, suh. He has retained his Southern drawl although he has moved around a bit since his boyhood in Tennessee.

AT sixteen, he enlisted in the Marines. Upon separation from the Service, after losing his hand, he joined the United States Consular Service, serving in Vladivostok and Santo Domingo in 1920 and 1921. Later, he became a newspaperman.

"A fellow felt sorry for me, a kid with only one hand," he recalls. "He gave me a job on the *Washington Herald*. I fooled him. I learned how to type and I became a newspaperman. I also worked on the Jacksonville, Fla., *Times-Union*."

It was in the inn keeping business, however, that Christenberry found his life's work. He worked in hotels in Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland and Peoria, Ill., before becoming vice-president and general manager of the Hotel Astor in 1935.

The Astor was home to several fistfighters after that. Barney Ross, the former lightweight and welterweight champion, lived at the Astor for years. "Never knew a better guy to have for a landlord," Ross says of Christenberry. "Never think the guy was a landlord the way he asks for his rent. He's the kind of fellow who'll make a go of it as boxing chairman."

CHRISTENBERRY became president of the Astor in 1941. Four years later the War Department sent him to Europe to establish rest and recreation centers for American troops. More recently, he made a survey of Ireland for the Dail to goose-up the tourist business in the Auld Sod.

"It's a funny thing," Christenberry said about his work in Ireland. "I made this report for one Government and then they had an election. The party in power didn't want to issue my report for fear it would cost them votes. So when the other party came in, they issued the report—called it the Christenberry Report, if you please. Do you know it got a great reception. Maybe the Government should have put it out earlier. Might not have got thrown out of office."

Christenberry says this easily, without a trace of conceit. He has a pleasant way of speaking to groups of listeners. He will do as a commissioner. He has a long way to come, but he'll make his way, slowly but with certainty.

# LUCKLESS CHALLENGERS

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Rivers apparently was leading on points when he and Wolgast connected simultaneously in the 13th round. Both tumbled to the canvas. Wolgast's own referee, Jack Welch, seemed nonplussed for a moment, then started tolling over the rivals. At four or five, Welch suddenly reached down, picked up Wolgast with one arm, and continued to count over Rivers. Mexican Joe struggled to rise, and just about reached his feet when the bell rang. Wolgast was still unconscious. Amid all the excitement, Welch announced that he had counted Rivers out, and Wolgast was still champion.

Until he caught up with the champion in a modern miracle last summer, Jersey Joe Walcott was a stand-out member of the "almost-made-it" club. Many writers and critics felt that Walcott should have been champion in his first fight with Joe Louis, but he had to meet Louis once more, then get three cracks at Ezzard Charles before he finally was crowned.

THE Jersey Jinx, which plagued Stolz and Walcott in more recent years, was in working order as far back as 1912 when Johnny Coulon, then bantamweight champion of the world, retained his title after 20 rounds of battling with Jersey City Frankie Burns, who seemed to have gained a decisive advantage. The battle took place 'way down yonder in New Orleans, far from Burns' home grounds, but the howls of dismay over the verdict reverberated from the Jersey marshes clear down to the bayous of Louisiana. Coulon's hand-picked referee was accused of the most flagrant robbery since Jesse James and his crowd were in their heyday.

There was one man who gained as much fame from a failure to win a title as he would have had he won it. This was, of course, Luis Angel Firpo, the old Wild Bull of the Argentine Pampas, whose feat of getting off the floor after seven knockdowns to batter Jack Dempsey out of the ring at New York's Polo Grounds in 1923 has never been forgotten. Firpo never became a champion, but few champs have lasted as long in the memory of the public as he has.

Whether Billy Graham is doomed to the fate of these illustrious others, upon whom the gods of fistic destiny refused to smile, remains to be seen. Graham would have made a popular champion, combining, as he does, intelligence, personality and neat boxing form. Billy may not be the best welterweight in the world—in fact, he often has trouble with second—and third-raters—but he seems to have just the style to bother Gavilan. Their three meetings have all been nip-and-tuck affairs, with the decisions of the hairline variety, and if they meet again Graham may be lucky enough to finally graduate from the "almost-made-it" class into the top echelon of ring champions.

## FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By Homer Amundsen

IN the making in this city, is perhaps the best professional boxing organization here in more than twenty years. Not since the glorious days of the late George Shanklin, has professional boxing here looked so promising.

Pavvo Ketonen, Tacoma's wrestling promoter and widely known throughout California and elsewhere, contemplates, with the cooperation of the local American Legion to stage professional fights.

Inigo Lucchesi, Tacoma businessman and popular bowler, golfer, is expected to be of considerable assistance in Tacoma's prospective new boxing deal.

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The handlers of Joe Kahut, Oregon heavyweight, want no part of Tacoma's Jess Hall. Joe on the comeback road, has been given some easy touches of late. Jess is probably just the fellow to stop the Oregon boy's comeback attempt.

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I made a trip recently to Vancouver, B.C., scouting future talent for the fistic ventures in this city. Stan Almond, Vancouver bantamweight, has improved a good deal since he made his jaunt to England a few months ago.

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Veteran followers of boxing about the Pacific Northwest, are predicting that Pat McMurtry will be the next big noise from this sector. The 19-year-old 178-pounder is expected to add his name to the Northwest Hall of Ring Fame.

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An amateur lad, one Larry Nicholson, 18 years of age, weighing 138 pounds, looks like the best young prospect among the lighter class to come out of the Pacific Northwest in twenty years.

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Richie Reed and Virgil Larson, Tacoma amateur boxers, are in the services in scattered parts of the world. Young Reed, is with the Army stationed in Germany. Virgil Larson, recently wounded in action, is on the mend in Korea. Larson is with the Marines.

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One of the best selling magazines at Tacoma's City Cigar Store, is THE RING. The mag moves fast at this popular local sports spot.

## WALCOTT APPEARANCES

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fight, and then call it a career.

The crystal gazers see it this way. If, next June, Walcott loses the title to Charles, he will retire from the ring.

If Walcott beats Charles again, he will feel justified in continuing his active career.

But the first time Walcott gets a beating, he will call it quits.

Jersey Joe's policy of idleness makes the experts believe that he will enter the ring next June against Charles the second choice, and that it will be his ring valedictory.

Meanwhile, things are happening around Walcott, and the spotlight which should be pre-empted by the champion now is cast on Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano, and on Charles, as well.

Behind the entire situation is the likelihood that Walcott knows more about Walcott than does anybody else.

He knows how many more rounds he has in his system, and he also knows that man goeth not on forever, and even the champions have their alloted spans of title life.

## TELEVISION AND BOXING

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received a number of offers to continue in that field. He had on with him Jimmy Durante, Barney Ross, Bob Murphy, Jim Braddock, Tony Canzoneri, Primo Carnera, Lee Savold, Max Baer and a host of others. He has made several recordings and has appeared on NBC with Dianna Barrymore, Deems Taylor and Barry Gray.

His nightly program from Dempsey's has proven popular and entertaining, with many a laugh and some serious words. The Champ, Jack Kearns, Jersey Joe Walcott, Rocky Graziano, Bob Christenberry, Dr. Vincent Nardiello, Jim Norris, Barney Ross, Joe Louis and many others who know the fight game from A to Z have appeared with him.

What I like about the program is that everytime a celebrity is introduced you don't hear the familiar cry of "greatest fighter," or "credit to boxing," or "promoter without an enemy." Vic calls a spade a spade and the deck isn't marked.

CHANNEL HOPPING—Movie folk claim that two and a half million dollars were added to the box office receipts the night of the Robinson-Turpin championship affair because the fight was not on home TV.

Most boxing commissions operate on the tax gained from shows which go to the state. The National Boxing Association, at their recent Chicago convention, suggest that the state tax also be taken from Theater-TV showings. Abe Greene, New Jersey commissioner, put in a bid for the Asbury Park, N. J., movie theater tax and it looks like the whole matter will be turned into a court case.

With world lightweight champion, James Carter, defending his title against Art Aragon at Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium on November 14 there is a possibility that the fight may be put on television and that it will reach the East.

Hours after his appointment as the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, Bob Christenberry made a surprise guest appearance on Nick Kenny's' New York TV show. Since that time the new chairman has become a regular figure on video.

New York's already heavy indoor TV boxing schedule may see an addition with the A.A.U. asking $1,000 from sponsors for the right to telecast amateur boxing cards. . . . Jack Dempsey is seeking trainees, but not to become fighters. Just television technicians. . . . TV fight fans have seen some interesting scraps lately on the Wednesday night Pabst schedule with Virgil Akins upsetting No. 1 lightweight contender, Freddie Dawson, in St. Louis; Dave Sands, triple Aussie champ and a marvelous boxer, making his American debut a winning one in Chicago against Bobo Olson and Ezzard Charles' eleven-round knockout of Rex Layne in Pittsburgh.

The Charles-Layne fight was moved from October 8th to October 10th in order to present it as a special attraction for the nation's fans, with the sponsors paying $25,000 for the rights. Pittsburgh and Johnstown were blacked out. The fight, which originally was to have been TV'ed that night, Ray Barnes victory over Terry Moore in Detroit, was held as a standby in case of rain in Pittsburgh. They were paid their television money nevertheless.

## WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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albeit a colorful mediocrity.

He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard at the start of hostilities in World War II and was there at Sicily and Salerno, and behind the Japanese lines in Burma—and naturally in a place called Normandy on D-Day. One might almost imagine that they could not start the big show without this guy who loves a fight, just as it seems appropriate that he now turns up in Korea.

Jenkins has been bombed at Calcutta and strafed at Gela. He has run through the mines at Salerno and was under the fire of the screaming German 88's in the hell that was known as the beaches of Normandy.

But this is only a part of the story of Jenkins, the adventurer, who perhaps belonged to and would have been happier in another century. Today he lives where rules and laws are strict and men are held accountable for any fighting they do other than in a war or in the prize ring and Jenkins has fought many battles, right or wrong, which has seen him sap away a small fortune and often run head-on into the arms of the law.

But he is a fighter and happiest where he now is—in the thick of it—and the men of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division and the men under his command can well be proud of Master Sgt. Lew Jenkins.

Jenkins is in Korea and we don't doubt that the Communists discovered that sore point for them a long time ago.

## THE PAYOFF PUNCH

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But he still wasn't quite good enough for the clever, methodical New Yorker. For six rounds the fight followed pretty much the same pattern as the Philadelphia affair, with Dempsey the aggressor but getting nowhere fast with the hit-and-run, jab-and-grab tactics of Tunney. Gene was far in front going into the seventh round.

THE session had gone about a minute when Dempsey, still forcing the issue, backed Tunney to the ropes and whipped over a left hook to the jaw. Caught against the ropes, Gene tried to weave out of range, but couldn't make it. The punch nailed him flush on the chin, and he started to sag. Dempsey, quick to cash in on his momentary advantage, ripped away with both hands as Tunney sank to the canvas in a sitting position, his right arm hung limply over the lower rope.

It was the first time in his entire career that Tunney had been knocked off his feet!

Whether or not Gene would have been able to rise before ten, had the count started immediately, is something nobody can answer. Gene himself insists he could have. But there's no arguing that the extra four or five seconds he gained by Dempsey's delay in going to a neutral corner when Tunney hit the canvas represented a terrific "break" for Gene. He was still wobbly when he pulled himself to his feet at nine, but instinctively he knew enough to scamper around the ring, out of range of Dempsey's furious rushes.

Manassa Jack's big chance faded. He couldn't catch Tunney again, and was a decisive loser when the tenth and final round ended. But he still was dangerous right up to the finish, as a clouter always is. A puncher is never beaten until the last gong clangs. He may have only one clean shot left, but often enough it can be the Payoff Punch.

### BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

IT wasn't an important fight even for those two relatively unknown fighters, lightweight Joe Lopes, 130½, of Sacramento, Calif., and welterweight James Perry, 137, of Honolulu, but these two gamecocks put on one of the most thrilling fights seen here in a long while.

Joe Lopes, the better known of the two, won the unanimous decision and as far as the scoring of Referee Louis Freitas and Judges Bill Pacheco and Peter Thomas were concerned, the Californian won with many points to spare. But the fight was hard fought all the way with both fighters landing enough hard blows to keep the small crowd on the edge of their seats throughout. A knockout was possible at any time and at the rate they were mauling each other around, either fighter could have been the victim.

James Perry's punches started landing more frequently in the sixth and seventh and while he was still being outpunched, he was able to connect with some hard smashes to the head and body during the torrid exchanges.

Lopes really opened up in the eighth and landed a succession of lefts and rights which had Perry almost out on his feet.

However, Perry wasn't finished yet. After taking that terrific beating in the eighth, he came back for the ninth like a wild man and started slashing away with both fists. The tenth round was a repetition of the ninth, with Lopes faring a little better, if anything.

The fight was held at the Civic Auditorium and was promoted by Augie Curtis.

Other results: Jamie Basquez, 124½, knocked out Ray Carvalho, 123¾, in the fifth and last round of the semi-final. Harry Fordente, 132¾, decisioned Masa Goda, 134, five rounds. Ernest Sylva, 117½, won over Bobby Sanders, 119½, in another five-round bout. Mike Ines, 144½, beat Joe Santiago, 138¼, in the four-round opener.

# NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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by Gino Garibaldi . . . only the third setback suffered by the big fellow in 29 matches.

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Sabdor Kovacs, flashy Hungarian, tossing 'em at Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Ernie Peluso, former junior world champ, made his wrestling comeback at Tacoma, Washington, a losing one with local favorite Frank Stojack, current Pacific Coast Junior heavyweight champ, in two out of three falls. Flying tackles, drop kicks and football tactics featured both their attacks. . . . Mr. Moto, Japan's contribution to "villainery," and his goatee, are on exhibit in New England rings. . . . Baron "Muscles" Leon top drawing card in California.

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The masked marvels, reminiscent of the "old days," running rampant. . . . Louisville, Kentucky, has its Mr. "X" and "XX" . . . New Orleans has a new attraction in "The Skull." . . . Denver has its Masked Zebra Kid.

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The farmers are doing alright. . . . Farmer Jones in Kentucky, with his long hair, bearded, faded and patched denims, air-cooled brogans and his little pig which follows him about the ring. . . . In Cincinnati, it's Farmer Marlin who recently had it out with Ala Pasha of Turkey. . . . In New Orleans a new bewhiskered heavyweight by name Hilllbilly Farmer Brown.

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Bronko Nagurski, former Minnesota footballer and intercollegiate wrestler, one of the original "power to spare" matsters, has been tackling opponents for over a quarter of a century . . . now doing his grunting in Chicago. Adrian Baillargeon, Canadian strong man, who has been traveling around the U.S. currently wrestling in the New York Area. (Brooklyn was the last stop).

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Wrestling returns to Scranton, Pa., with Hank Stezar planning all-star cards for his patrons. Lord Spears and the Golden Terror topped his first card.

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Golden Superman, Antonini Rooca, Andre Drapp, Illio DiPaolo, Gene Stanley are a few of the top attractions around New York.

Rocco recently took two straight falls over "The Count" Von Schact at Worcester, Mass.

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One of wrestling's all-time greats Ed (Strangler) Lewis was in the corner of Lou Thez, when wrestling's top man successfully defended his title against twenty-five year old Wladek (Killer) Kowalski in an unusual ending. Each had won a fall. Thez with a flying body scissors and Kowalski with a body slam and body press. The third fall was decided by the wrestling rules which state that when two wrestlers are "out" the first to revive and have part of his body over an opponent wins. Thez scored a backdrop and the force of the maneuver knocked out both. Thez came to and draped an arm over his rival to win the fall and retain his crown. A narrow squeek for the mighty champ.

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The city of Boston, which has again given birth to big time wrestling, saw the death of a wrestling star of the gay 90's. A resident of the bean city, Dennis Gallagher, passed away at the age of 89. He will be remembered wherever mat fans gather for his winning of the three-style title from William Muldoon at Turn Verein Hall in 1884. Wrestling pays tribute to the passing of this shooting star from another century.

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Art Kapitan, 26-year-old mat star from Greece, is making the grade in Buffalo. Art relies on science instead of showmanship. Often science and showmanship mix . . . that's Art.

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The chest from Italy, Baron Michele Leone, likes to grapple in large auditoriums like the Olympic in Los Angeles. Why? "I make more moola there," says Leone. "She's a nice a beeg a place."

The Japanese Sumo team with Maedeyama, the grand Sumo champion, are entertaining Americans in a novel ring . . . it's circular and a fifteen footer.

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Jack Pesek, son of the former mat star, John Pesek, has been making fans at Cincinnati and the midwest.

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Joe Muscato, former Italian-American heavyweight boxer from Buffalo, N. Y., has been doing all right as a groaner. He specializes in taming villains . . . ditto Nate Brown who will be remembered for his two fights with Joe Louis, one of which went the limit. . . .

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Ex-heavyweight champion Primo Carnera also hit the news while on his European jaunt. The locale for the drama was the Vienna Ice Skating Stadium—and Da Preem is convinced that was an appropriate spot. A wrestling referee apparently does his skating on thin ice there. . . . Carnera had wagered that he could pin two opponents in 60 minutes. He tossed the first one, Bob Martin, a Belgian, in 20 minutes. He seemed in a fair way to repeat against his second opponent, Adi Berber, an Austrian innkeeper, when the latter was disqualified for "actions unbecoming a wrestler." Said the referee: "Berber hit Carnera once below the belt and twice tried to strangle him." . . . But what's a rule or two where the public is concerned? The 8,000 customers didn't like the referee's decision. Shouting that they'd been cheated, they broke up chairs, busted down wooden fences, and tossed seat cushions into the ring. . . . For a few wild moments Carnera must have thought his boxing career had caught up to him again. . . .

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Ex-middleweight champion Freddie Steele from Seattle, latest of former ring champs to enter wrestling as a referee out Oregon way.

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Pacific Coast tag team wrestling crown was lifted from the team of Hard-boiled Haggerty and Tom Rice by Sandor Szabo and Ronnie Etchison at San Francisco's Coliseum Bowl.

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Sumo wrestlers have so far been hiding their wares from the TV camera . . . their unique show is well worth the watching . . . entirely different from the American catch-as-catch-can grappling.

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Wrestling in Australia find Dutch Hefner, Ali Riga Bey and Wally Dusek top attractions.

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Received a letter from Chief Little Wolf published here for his many fans who have been requesting information on the Indian matster:

"A little bit about myself since I last saw you: I left America on June 17, 1950, for the Southern Hemisphere. My first stop was Honolulu, and then the Fiji Islands, then New Zealand, and finally, Australia, where I have been ever since. I should be home about Christmas. I will have been gone from America a year and six months.

"We will all be glad to see the good old U.S.A., still the greatest country on earth, although I have done very well here, both in wrestling and a tour I made this summer, in answer to thousands of letters from fans, and requests from hospitals and orphanages from all over the country. I am sending you some of the clippings, so you can see for yourself what I've been doing. I've had the whole family here, and it's been a great trip and a wonderful education for my two children.

"We are leaving here on the 20th of November for Singapore and Manila. Then Honolulu and home!

"Well, pal, I didn't mean to make this such a long discourse.

"If you should have the space, I'd appreciate a mention of the fact that I'm returning home soon, so people will know I'm still in the land of the living!"

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Top "meanie" honors go to Wild Bill Longson, ex-heavyweight champ. . . . The Great Togo runs close to Bill. . . . Gorgeous George has own TV program on the Pacific Coast . . . he's photogenic . . . queries reach us on where to get photos of wrestlers . . . the RING Book Shop is the answer . . . send for the list—largest in the world.

Jack Pfeffer rumored to be moving into New York wrestling scene. . . . Gino Garibaldi, his license renewed in New York, recently made his first appearance since his license was taken away, has been tossing them out California way ever since. Leo, his 21-year-old son who has been climbing fast, is reported in the armed forces. . . .

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Our pick for youngster most likely to reach the top if Uncle Sam doesn't halt his wrestling is Leo Garibaldi. . . . Flying mares, drop kicks are his favorite weapons.

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From friend William Wilson at Kansas City comes word that Marvin Mercer, Jr., heavyweight champion of Washington, D. C., is now campaigning in Chicago, Illinois. Wilson points out that this could be the start of a feud between Mercer and N.W.A. Junior heavy champ Verne Gagne.

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THE RING prophesies that Gagne will be the next *heavyweight wrestling champ.*

## GILT-EDGED GIL

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many of the outstanding fighters of his day, including Roscoe Toles, Otis Thomas, Jack Trammell, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simon, Al Delaney and Curtis Sheppard.

Fifteen straight knockouts marked Gil's entrance into the fight game, eight of them coming in the first round. In his next bout, on Febuary 17, 1951, Jimmy DeCerio went the distance, eight rounds. Turner had him on the deck in the last stanza, punishing him badly, but could not put over the convincer.

A large-eyed, good looking Negro lad with incredibly small ears, Turner was given his big chance by Herman Taylor, the Philadelphia promoter. It was an all-important fight for the youngster, against a seasoned veteran who had twice held the world lightweight title, Beau Jack. Failure at that point might have set him back a year or more, or even completely ruined his chances of winning the title.

It turned out to be a spectacular fight as both fighters rocked each other all over the place and battled right up to the final minute. Turner won the unanimous decision but he knew he had been in a fight.

Jack after the bout said of Turner, "He seems to have everything and has the makings of a ring champion. If he's not rushed too fast, he ought to get there."

After their great battle they were rematched and this time Turner demolished Jack with a storm of punches in the eighth round. The referee halted the bout as the former lightweight champion was virtually being hammered into a state of helplessness, heart alone carrying the game little fighter through the last three rounds.

His next big test, and his most impressive victory, came on July 9th, at Shibe Park, in Philadelphia. He knocked out the veteran Charley Fusari in the eleventh round. He won all the way but it was a tough fight for him. It was the first time Fusari had ever been counted out though he had once been stopped by Rocky Graziano. The Fighting Milkman received the severest beating he had ever taken and at the end both his eyes were closed and his face was a bloody pulp. Turner, throwing everything all through the fight, was himself worn out and in the process was subjected to punishment. As early as the eighth round he seemed to be out on his feet but battled back gamely. Both combatants hammered and reeled throughout the fight with scarcely a pause.

After this bout Manager George Katz offered a $40,000 guarantee to Kid Gavilan to defend his crown against Turner but that was turned down. The fight with Fusari had established Turner as a tremendous drawing card, as it grossed $60,262. An outdoor championship match in Philadelphia would have easily gone well over $100,000. It still looks like a good fight.

Turner's peak, to this point, was reached on September 10th, again at Shibe Park in Philadelphia, where before a crowd that paid $64,617, he battered former lightweight champion of the world, Ike Williams, finally halting him in the tenth round. For those ten rounds Williams had been raked from head to body with vicious lefts and rights and in the final stanza he was in a helpless condition, hanging over the ropes when the referee stopped the encounter. Only the force of Turner's blows kept Williams against the ropes and prevented him from toppling to the canvas.

It was the clincher for Turner. It stamped him as a definite title threat, leaving little doubt as to his ability to make the grade against top notch foes. The battered and bleeding Williams, in the dressing room after the fight, voiced a similar opinion.

"He's championship timber," softly spoke the once king of the lightweights.

And now with less than a year and a half of professional fighting there is little left for Turner to do but go out and prove himself against any or all of the top three welterweights, Gavilan, Humez and Graham.

He has been compared with great fighters of the past, such immortals as Ray Robinson, Henry Armstrong and Harry Greb. But those comparisons are both unfair and premature. He lacks Sugar Ray's speed and defensive ability, though he is a swift and versatile puncher and hurts like a trip-hammer.

Lew Tendler, who would have been a world champion except that he fought during the same years that the wonderful Benny Leonard was riding high, watched Turner knock out Charley Fusari and had nothing but praise for the boy.

"I think Turner could be a great fighter . . . another Armstrong . . . another Greb."

Let us for the time just say that he is Gil Turner. He has proven it to be more than sufficient.

## SADDLER-PEP BRAWL DISGRACE TO BOXING

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frequently received and which in other bouts have put Pep's opponents down for keeps. Saddler proved that he had the stamina and punch-absorbing ability to withstand any attack his rival might engage in.

The floor had the new plastic composition called ensolite for ring padding. Considering the number of "downs" it must be the goods since no one complained, referee, Pep or Saddler about an injured back or head.

THE fourth chapter in this bitter feud was apparently the sum total of all the other three.

On my card, Pep took the first, third, fifth and sixth rounds. Saddler got the second, fourth, seventh, eighth and ninth rounds.

In the third, Pep's cleaner moves and his counter-punching earned him the honors. But he tired in the next round and good solid punching by Saddler earned him the honors.

The challenger came out for the fifth with determination. He seemed to be tossing all at his rival in an effort to score a knockout. He glided out of reach of his following antagonist, making Sandy miss often and Pep scored frequently with right crosses.

Pep continued going after Sandy in the sixth, but the champion gave almost as much as he received though one punch, a smashing right cross, turned Saddler clearly around and should have dropped him. He was dazed for a short period as he fumbled about trying to get at his rival, but when he did he landed some hefty body wallops.

Pep by now had shot his bolt. When he came out for the seventh, it was apparent that the fight wouldn't go much further unless he could rally for a knockout. His strength was waning. His trainers kept urging him to "fight it out with him and you'll get him" but the will might have been there but the power was gone.

From then on it became a true wrestling match with very little fighting. What fighting there was, must be credited to Saddler. He was willing to mix it. He went after his man.

He kept boring in. He chased Pep about the ring and though he missed as often as he landed, he scored sufficiently to get the rounds. Pep did more and more running as the fight progressed, indicating that he either was hurt or tired.

Pep said it was due to the severe pain of the eye cut. He wore himself out trying to stand off the champ and then called a halt when he thought he had enough. It was his third knockout defeat and fourth loss in 165 ring contests. It was Saddler's 89th knockout victory in 130 battles. Saddler scaled 125½ and Pep 125 for the affair. In addition to the gate, $110,000 was paid into the gross for movies and theatre television.

Pep is eager for another fight, but not in New York. He wants to fight somewhere where he says, "I won't have to fight the officials and my opponent." Charley Johnston has other plans.

He declared he'll take Saddler on a tour of England where he has a chance to pick up some easy change in four or five overweight matches.

### NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By Al Greenberg

IN the first amateur card of the season staged this past month at Civic Caledonia Club and promoted by the Elmwood Boxing Club, Doug Costello, Manitoba heavyweight champ, scored a four-round K.O. over Jim Wayne in the headliner.

Bill Runner has taken over management of the Crescent Boxing Club, replacing Mickey Shane. Runner plans a busy season. Bobby Seigal will remain as Runner's matchmaker.

Doddie Sinclair, Winnipeg's Canadian featherweight challenger, would like a shot at Canadian title holder Frank Almond.

Ralph Gorrie is drawing good crowds at his bi-monthly wrestling cards at the new Fort William Gardens.

Rumors are still circulating around that Winnipeg will have pro boxing this coming season.

Harry Fenerstein of Ohio would like to show his good middleweight, Sampson Powell, in these parts. Powell holds a nine-round K.O. over Canadian heavyweight champ Verne Escoe.

Jack Berry of Edmonton and Ernie Farr of Calgary, two of western Canada's leading boxing promoters, expect a bigger and better season.

Jack Fox received a license to promote boxing in Vancouver, B. C.

George Trafton, former proprietor of Trafton's Gym in Chicago and manager of former lightweight star, Willie Joyce, is coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Bombers play in the Western Canadian Football Conference.

Gordie Mackie of the Madison Boxing Club has several good prospects under his wing.

Any good, unattached club fighters desirous of action, contact this writer at 98 Jefferson Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.

## NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By Bill Davee

OUR apologies to RING readers of this section for missing the past couple of issues, but as a matter of fact there has been very little boxing activity to report during the extremely hot summer just past. September, however, brought a lot of fistic activity and it should continue throughout the winter months.

The best news currently is the re-opening of Houston. A new promoter has hung out his shingle with the best wishes for success from everyone in the Bayou City. He is Izzy Feinstein, with Tony Dalio acting as matchmaker.

Mr. Feinstein, a former Golden Gloves star, whom we have known personally for many years should prove a tremendous success. He is a swell fellow with a working knowledge of boxing. Likewise Mr. Dalio, who was a successful manager of boxers for many years before the war. Their new club, the Polar Wave Arena, is one of the nicest spots we have seen, with a seating capacity of some 3,000.

Some outstanding talent is developing into attractions that should prove financial box office draws for the promoters in Texas: Joe Moran, San Antonio light-heavy, Jackie Blair, Dallas Feather, Rudy DeHoyos, San Antonio lightweight, Johnny Burke, Houston middleweight, and Pete Gil, Austin middleweight. Bert Linam, the Austin welter, will finish his hitch in the Navy this month and swing back into action.

The best gate attraction is the sensational Joe Moran, who at this writing has just scored his 9th straight knockout since turning pro last May. Since the last RING report Joltin' Joe has flattened Whitey Berlier in three, Dave Hamza in three, Tom Busby in three, Jimmy Holderfield in two and Tony Hunsaker in one. Moran is the greatest puncher we've seen since Joe Louis started bowling over all opposition and we predict a brilliant future for the Alamo City Mexican lad.

Jackie Blair, a consistent winner, hasn't lost a fight this year, and just annexed the state featherweight title by kayoing Manny Ortega at El Paso. Blair voluntarily vacated the lightweight title, which he won in beating Lauro Salas in June, as he was too light to mix with the 135-pounders. Besides the Ortega fight, Jackie K.O.'ed Henry Schlizzi in two and beat Raul Luengo in ten, both fights at Houston.

Rudy DeHoyos scored his 31st win in 33 starts and stamped himself as Texas' leading lightweight by trimming Billy Morgan. Pete Gil captured the state middleweight crown by stopping Vince Mazac at Corpus Christi.

A lively scramble will follow Dolph Quijano's retirement as light-heavy and heavyweight titlist, with Joe Moran, Johnny Burke, Bing Roberts and several others vieing for the 175-pound title. Quijano, long one of Texas' outstanding fighters, has quit the game and is now engaged in business in El Paso. His many friends wish him as much success in his new venture as he enjoyed in the ring.

If there's a promoter looking for a place to hang his hat, we suggest Austin, capitol city of Texas. It's a good fight town with a lot of local talent and a fistic natural between Bert Linam and Pete Gil, awaiting a good promoter. The beautiful Coliseum, seating some 5,000 people is available.

L. L. "Bally" Baldesareli is running regularly at Corpus Christi again, and drawing quite well. Corpus has always been a good fight spot.

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## JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

AFTER sojourning in southern California for several weeks indulging in a much needed vacation, your writer is again ready to give you the results of fistic happenings in St. Louis.

To start the indoor season, the I.B.C. paired Lou Wallach's protege, Virgil (Honey-bear) Akins with Freddie Dawson, the highly-touted and rated Chicago fighter. The Akins-Dawson fight was held in the huge Arena on September 26, with Akins getting the nod in ten rounds after having Dawson on the floor in the sixth round for a nine count from a vicious left hook. Akins was the master in most of the rounds with Dawson showing signs of weakening in the latter rounds.

Referee Bob Ingham and Judge Fred Connell cast their ballots for Akins with Judge El Graf scoring Dawson out in front. Akins fought a cool fight obeying to the letter the instructions of his manager Lou Wallach. This show only attracted a meager crowd of 1,693 paying fans with gross receipts counting up to $3,114.

Complete results of the show as follows: Virgil Akins, St. Louis, 136¼, decisioned Freddie Dawson, 137½, Chicago, in ten rounds. Bob Ingham, referee.

Jesse Turner, St. Louis, 151¼, knocked out Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock, 154½, in the sixth. Bob Ingham referee.

Ted Roberts St. Louis 123, stopped Sonny Gatrell, 123, Indianapolis, in fourth round. Ray Palmer, referee.

Aberdeen Lynch, St. Louis, 137¼, decisioned Eddie Walker, Little Rock, 140¾, in six rounds. Ray Palmer, referee. Judges, Al Graf, Fred Connell, and Howard Hess.

Right Crosses—The Missouri Commission's new plan of insurance for the boxers' personal protection went into effect with this show with each participating boxer paying five dollars ($5.00) for his protection.

Send all news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 110 Easton Street, DeSoto, Missouri.

## SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

SPOKANE'S first indoor show got off to a fine start when in the headline event Billy Carter, Edmonton, Alberta, light-heavyweight, stopped fellow Canadian, Jimmy LaChance, of Vancouver, B. C., in four heats of an action-packed ten rounder. In the semi-windup spot, Jerry Strutz flattened Harry Bidigare in the first round of a featherweight mix. Al Pinkie Cowan TKO'ed Terry Forrest in the fifth round of a welterweight six rounder. Heavyweights Dave Tittman and Lee Hanson drew in four rounds and in the opener Herbie Patzer flattened Tarzan Williams in the second round.

The second indoor card staged on Sept. 26, put pro boxing in Spokane in the best position it has been in for years. Action-packed from gong to gong, it was called by local press and commentators the best in Spokane in ten years.

In the main event, Portland's Joe Kahut, 186, pounded out an eight-round KO over Billy Carter, 175, after Carter had him on the deck for an eight count knockdown. Carter lost no prestige in the fight and will still draw good locally.

In the semi-windup, one of the best looking welters seen in these parts in years, Irish Jimmy Merrill, flattened Seattle's Jackie Rowe, with three devastating punches in approximately one minute of the first round. In the six round special, classy Bobby St. Clair put favorite Jerry Strutz on the deck three times for nine counts to walk off with a unanimous decision.

In another six rounder, Al Pinkie Cowan gave Portland's Bobby Doll such a beating the referee halted the slaughter in the fourth round. They are welterweights.

In the opener, Bobby Woods, another newcomer to Spokane and a real comer if we ever saw one, stopped veteran Andy Anderson, of Kellogg, Idaho, in a lightweight brawl that was halted by the referee in the fourth round.

Orville Oty, joint promoter with Jack Powers, made a quick air trip to New York for the Robinson-Turpin fight and wishes to take this opportunity to thank Nat Fleischer for assisting him in obtaining good tickets for it.

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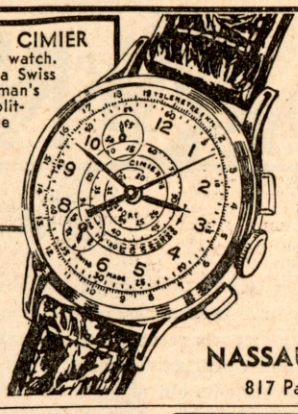

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## WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By George Ross

HOLYOKE, MASS.—The Valley Arena, opened its doors for the fall and winter season with a good fight between Sammy Walker and Freddie Lott of Newark, N. J. Walker tried hard but was edged out by Lott who made a brilliant finish in the last round to cop the unanimous decision in ten.

Gene LaBlanc, Fall River, Mass., won in six rounds from Bobby Dalton, Hartford, Conn. It also was a lively bout. LaBlanc weighed 143 to Dalton's 144.

Al Magieri, Hartford, Conn., won over Merrill Olmstead of Springfield, Mass., in a six-rounder. Magieri weighed 130 to Olmstead's 127.

George Edmonds, Hartford, Conn., won a six-rounder over Bobby English, Fall River, Mass. (Lightweights).

In the four-round opener Al McLellan, 138, Hartford, Conn., scored a technical K.O. over Roland Gomes, 145, Fall River, Mass.

Wilbur Wilson, Boston, Mass., won a close decision from Bill Neri, Bridgeport, Conn., in ten rounds at the Valley Arena. Neri's manager, Steve Elis, protested the decision. Both are welterweights.

Jeff Dyer, Springfield's heavyweight prospect, scored a technical K.O. over Cal Vernon, Milwaukee, Wis., in the seventh round. Henry Kid Lee, 151, Springfield, Mass., stopped Sylvester Paine, 145, Bridgeport, Conn., in the seventh of an eight.

Guy Gorrette, 155, Holyoke, Mass., won a hard fought decision over Norman Peck, 159, Hartford, Conn., in four rounds.

Kid Chick, 120, Southwick, Mass., was stopped by Charlie Woodward, 119, New York, in the fourth and last round of the opener.

## BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

PROMOTER TOM LIPPES and Matchmaker Junior Singer of the Hudson Boxing Club are angling for the services of Dave Sands, Australian middleweight champion, who is wanted as an opponent for Buffalo's Henry Brimm to open the Fall boxing season here. Brimm is back in the gym, hard at work and eager for the best at 160 pounds. That much discussed rematch with Joey DeJohn may be staged in Syracuse or Buffalo. You'll recall that Brimm beat DeJohn here in Buffalo last Spring.

Here and There—Junior Singer is running fights in Hamilton, Ontario, and doing fairly well. . . . No new faces in the boxing game here. . . . Maybe a few will be developed in the amateurs this winter.

In Wrestling—Promoter Ed Don George is back home after a trip through the Near East. George visited Beruit, Cairo, Damascus, Alexandria, Rome, Madrid and other places. . . . Buffalo wrestling shows are drawing bumper gates, week in and week out. . . . Some of the favorites are Gorgeous George, Lord Blears, Sandor Kovacs, Yukon Eric, Johnny Berend, Kenny Ackles, Steve Stanlee, Jim (The Bull) Wright and others.

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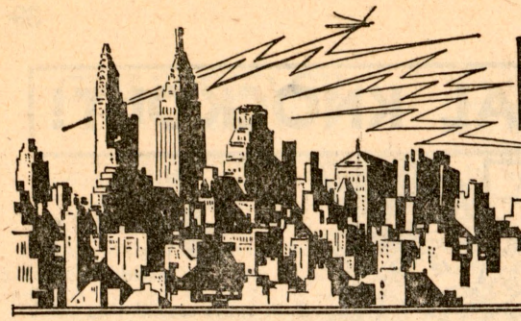

# BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

## By JERSEY JONES

THERE'S no longer anything to be gained trying to kid ourselves. At the rate things have been going, boxing is headed for non-existence in the major sports scene here. A complete absence of vision, intelligence and constructive enterprise in our promoters is rapidly putting the business out of business. One by one the various weight classes are becoming extinct. Just as the flyweights, then the bantams, faded into obscurity in the United States, so have the featherweights been easing themselves out of the big-time circuit,

The recent get-together of Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep at the Polo Grounds may have marked the passing of the 126-pound division as a major entity in the American boxing setup. With Pep nearing the end of his long career—if, indeed, he hasn't already reached it—there isn't a featherweight in the entire length and breadth of the land worth a hoot in Hades as a possible threat to Saddler and the title. And Sandy's own immediate future is somewhat uncertain. He may be grabbed shortly by the Army. If he isn't, the lack of worthwhile opposition in his own class will force him to move up officially into lightweight competition.

It's nothing short of a tragedy that we've permitted once active and popular divisions to fade out of circulation. Time was, and not so long ago, when every class, from ponderous heavyweight down to tiny flyweight, was loaded with talent. Starting from the bottom of the scale, we've already lost the two lightest divisions, the third is on the way out, and there isn't too much encouragement ahead for the heavier ones.

It's a general tendency these days to blame television for all the woes that have beset the sock market. Video has merely hastened the disintegration of the business. The flyweight and bantam classes became extinct in the United States and there had been a conspicuous falling off in both quality and quantity of talent in the other divisions long before TV moved into the scene.

It's from the little acorns that the great oaks grow, and the reason there are so few great oaks in boxing now is that the little acorns have been planting themselves in other and less strenuous fields. Kids these days just aren't going in for fighting as they used to. And those who do try their luck in the ring are typical of the times—they're in too all-fired a hurry to learn their trade properly.

WHILE on the subject of the increasing dearth in talent, our local matchmakers now have another headache to contend with. The State Athletic Commission's automatic 30-day suspensions of knockout victims threaten to deplete an already not too abundant supply of ring material.

With five cards scheduled weekly during the indoor season—there'll be six if and when the Broadway resumes operations—the scarcity of even preliminary fighters has reached an acute stage. There's hardly enough talent to go the rounds now, and at the rate knockouts are being posted the market threatens to be pretty well wiped out in a few months.

The first week the rule was in effect, no less than 13 bouts out of a total of 29 on five cards ended in kayoes. This meant 13 boxers promptly became ineligible for a month.

If this sort of thing continues, it won't be long before the managers won't have any fighters to manage, the matchmakers won't have any to match, and to stay in business they'll probably have to start fighting each other. Or they could start pairing off the mob of inspectors cluttering up the payroll of the State Athletic Commission. Come to think of it, that could be an excellent idea.

THE recent passing of Albert Badoud, at 58, in his native Switzerland recalled the time an all-European dispute over a world title was settled here in "neutral" New York. The title was the welterweight, the year 1917, the site the St. Nick Arena, and the principals Badoud and England's Ted (Kid) Lewis.

Lewis, who had been passing the 147-pound laurels back and forth with Jack Britton, was the champion when he and Badoud were matched. At least, Lewis was billing himself as such, but the Swiss, who had won the European title from Johnny Basham in England, disputed Ted's claim to the world championship.

Though the bout was listed for ten no-decision rounds, it was advertised as for the title. (Incidentally, they staged real all-star cards at the local clubs in those days. On the Lewis-Badoud program were two other tens, either one a normal main event by itself, Frankie Burns whipping Frankie Brown in a bantam scuffle, and Joe Welling kayoing Tommy Tuohey in a lightweight fracas. And the tabs, as we recall, were $1, $2, $3!)

Lewis, fast and shifty but not much of a puncher when he landed in New York a few years before, had suddenly "discovered" unexpected power in his fists and was beginning to put together an impressive knockout record. Badoud was of the rugged, durable type, and a fairly stiff clouter himself.

Determined to settle the dispute over the title as quickly and decisively as possible, Lewis didn't give Badoud a chance to get started. At the opening bell, the Britisher came roaring out of his corner with a blazing two-handed assault that completely overwhelmed the Swiss. As we recall the scrap, the bewildered Badoud tried to clinch, but Lewis shook him off, battered him against the ropes, and dropped him on the seat of his pants. Albert struggled gamely to pull himself up, and just about stumbled to his feet in time to beat the count, but he was reeling helplessly and Lewis refused to hit him. Referee Billy Roche stepped in and called a halt. The round had gone about two and a half minutes, and was probably the fastest settlement any world title controversy ever produced.

RECOLLECTIONS of the confusion that existed in the middleweight division for three years after Stanley Ketchel's tragic passing in 1910 were revived by the news that Frank Mantell, 65, had been given the final count in Phoenix, Ariz.

The German-born Mantell, operating out of Pawtucket, R. I., was one of several middleweights establishing claims to the disputed title during those years. But Frank never was seriously recognized as champion, even though he apparently had a legitimate right to the title after beating Billy Papke.

Papke, as former champion and Ketchel's keenest rival, claimed the laurels when Stanley died. Billy was campaigning in Australia at the time, and early in 1911 Sydney promoters matched him with another visiting Yank, Cyclone Johnny Thompson. The bout was accepted as a championship affair, and Thompson won. Johnny, however, outgrew the middleweight class, and a year

later Papke claimed the title again. He was generally regarded as champion when he met Mantell.

The bout was held in Sacramento, Cal., on Washington's Birthday, 1912. The fighters scaled in under the contracted 158 pounds, and Mantell copped the decision in 20 rounds. Papke protested that the middleweight limit was 154 pounds, and the defeat did not affect his titular status. Most of the boxing authorities strung along with Papke, and Billy continued to be recognized as champion until he lost to Frank Klaus in Paris in 1913.

Mantell was a good journeyman worker. A stiff puncher, his record was studded with knockouts over such good 'uns as Joe Ryan, Andy Malloy, Jack Gardner, Rube Smith, Westchester Jim Smith and Billy Glover. He won and drew in a couple of meetings with Jack (Twin) Sullivan, whipped Kid Farmer, Johnny O'Keefe, Dan Sullivan and Harry Mansfield, drew with Cyclone Johnny Thompson and Martin Judge, and tangled in no-decision affairs with Joe Thomas, Tommy Sullivan, Tom McMahon, Battling Levinsky, Leo Houck and Tommy Bergen. One the deficit side of his ledger, he was outpointed by Jack Dillon a couple of times, dropped decisions to Leo Houck, Sailor Grande, Willie Meehan and Jeff Smith, and was knocked out by Harry Lewis and Frank Klaus. He wound up his ring career in 1914 with a decision over Billy Weeks in Vancouver.

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Around the Ring—Sandy Saddler may have earned a decisive margin on Willie Pep in their series, with three wins in the four outings, but he finished well behind Willie in their respective financial returns. Totalling their percentages of the receipts, Pep grabbed 147½ points to Saddler's 92½. . . . Incidentally, that messy brawl Sandy and Willie staged in their last meeting must have been a confusing debut for the new State Athletic Commission chairman, Bob Christenberry. Conceding that he didn't know much about boxing, how could he be expected to polish up on the Marquis of Queensberry code when he was officially initiated under the old London Prize Ring rules?

One of the busiest hustlers · hereabouts is Young Otto's son, Artie Susskind, Jr., who has his fingers in so many pies they're practically gooey with dough. . . . That's a fast turnover in national champions reported by Australia. Within a month, three titles swapped owners, Taffy Hancock relieving Jimmy Laffin of the flyweight laurels, Frank Flannery taking the lightweight crown from Jack Hassen, and Tommy Burns coming out of a two-years' retirement to regain his welterweight championship from Mickey Tollis.

Harry (Kid) Matthews doesn't need any rigged-up record to grab publicity for himself. He hasn't won 63 bouts in succession, as the press services have been reporting from the west coast. In his last bout before going into the Army in 1943, Harry lost to Eddie Booker in San Francisco. Since resuming operations in 1946, he has been unbeaten in 45 starts, but two of them, early in the string, resulted in draws. Matthews is too good a fighter, and his record speaks fluently enough for itself without messing around with the facts.

With boxing pretty well in the doldrums in Connecticut, the local entries are doing all right for themselves in New York. Vic Cardell, Tommy Bazzano, Eddie Compo, Chico Vejar and the rest of the Nutmeg Staters have been grabbing plenty of work hereabouts.

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The month's results: Dropped for nine in the first and jolted to one knee in the third, Vic Cardell, 146, Hartford, staged a strong comeback to hold Ted Murray, 146, youthful Long Island City puncher, to a split decision in a hard-fought eight at Fort Hamilton Arena. One judge, Joe Boggi, thought Cardell had more than wiped out his early deficit and voted for the Nutmeg Stater, 4-3-1, but he was outnumbered by the other judge, Sid Scharlin, and the referee, Abe Simon, who gave it to Murray on points after calling the rounds even, 4-4. The scrap topped another well-balanced card that teemed with action all the way. Tony Amabile, 127½, Bronx, had a bit the better of Rudy Bruno, 126½, Matawan, N. J., in a sizzling semi-final six. In other sixes, Frankie Carson, 128½, Newark, outfought Filberto Osario, 127, Puerto Rico, and Al Robbins, 143½, Bronx, hustled out a decision over Jimmy Sullivan, 139½, Boston. Mack Stanford, 165¾, Englewood, battled it out on even terms with Sid Edwards, 170¾, Washington Heights, in the opening four.

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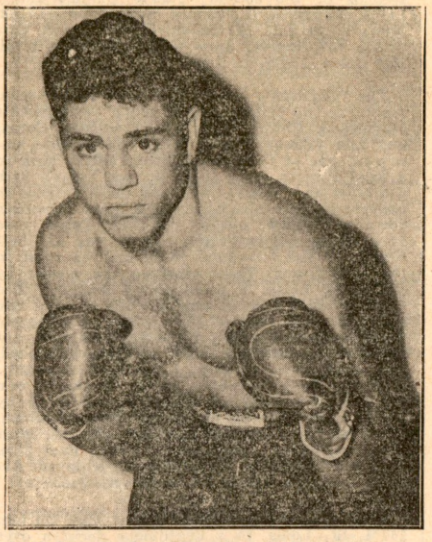
Advantages in height and reach as well as weight weren't sufficient to offset speed, cleverness and experience, and Chico Vejar, 138¾, Stamford, suffered his first defeat in 33 professional starts when a Connecticut rival, Eddie Compo, 134, New Haven, decisioned him in a lively ten in Madison Square Garden. Referee Teddy Watson thought Vejar's aggressiveness and harder-hitting entitled him to the edge, but he was outvoted by the judges Jack O'Sullivan and Bert Grant, who tabbed for Compo, a 3½-to-1 long shot. Vejar's followers from Stamford, numbering most of the slim turnout of 2,982,



*Bill Bossio, busy Pittsburgh featherweight, who opened White Plains season with sensational one-round kayo of Pat Marcune, and came back a week later to beat Johnny O'Brien.*

didn't like the decision, but it seemed fair enough to the neutral clients. Georgie Small, 161, Brooklyn, outslugged Roy Wouters, 158½, Vancouver, B.C., in a bruising semi-final eight. In sixes, Ralph Giordano, 138, Orange, N. J., drew with Phil Morizio, 136½, Yorkville, and Arthur Persley, 136½, Red Cross, La., stopped James Watkins, Jr., 135¾, New London, Conn., in the fourth. In fours, Richie Reed, 148, White Plains, decisioned Al Robbins, 143, Bronx, and Mariano Piniero, 144, Puerto Rico, outpointed Charley Wright, 143½, West Side. The gate grossed only $8,129.

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A "new face" hereabouts, Bob Stecher, 160, Portland, Me., celebrated his metropolitan debut by slugging out a unanimous decision over Mike Gillo, 159½, New Haven, in a brawling eight, topping the indoor season's inaugural at the Ridgewood Grove. Surviving a rough first round, in which he was down for nine, Stecher evened the score by flooring Gillo in the second, and went on to outscuffle him the rest of the way. Bronxites were winners in a pair of sixes, Denis Ryan, 164¾, grabbing the vote over Dom Zimbardo, 161½, Union, N. J., and Eddie James, 134¾, finishing ahead of Willie Stevenson, 133, Cleveland. In a trio of fours, Jimmy Sullivan, 136½, Boston, had the better of Henry Winchman, 136, East Side; Aremio Garces, 132½, Cuba, was credited with a kayo when Johnny Gilson, 133, East Side, suffered a badly gashed lip and the bout was halted at the end of the second, and Ned Hicks, 166½, Bronx, polished off Sid Edwards, 166, Washington Heights, in 2:56 of the second.

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Entirely too experienced for his opponent, Johnny Williams, 145, Montgomery, Ala., was an easy winner over Jimmy DeCerio, 148, Philadelphia, in the finale of the Fort Hamilton Arena's outdoor campaign. The affair was stopped by Referee Mark Conn at 2:47 of the fifth, when Williams was belting the chunky Philadelphian at will. DeCerio started well, but suffered a nasty rip over his left eye in the second and faded rapidly from then on. Knocked down in the first, Willie Stevenson, 136, Cleveland, staged a strong comeback in the semi-final six but couldn't quite make it against Tippy Simmons, 133, Brooklyn, who grabbed the decision by a narrow margin. Angel Martinez, 176½, Newark, had the better of a tough-punching six with Dom Perro, 181½, East Side. In fours, Lenny Mansey, 141, Brooklyn, won from Joe Pierre, 136, East Side; Jackie Comberlander, 149, Columbus, O., outpointed Joe Moore, 148, Hempstead, and Johnny Brown, 152¾, Harlem, stopped Joe DePhillips, 152, Brooklyn, at the end of the first.

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Touted as championship material, Corky Gonzales, 127, Denver, Colo., was a disappointment in his New York debut, when he was outsmarted and outpunched by the veteran journeyman Teddy (Red Top) Davis, 129¾, now of Hartford, in the semi-final eight to the Saddler-Pep affair at the Polo Grounds. Gonzales shaped up as an ordinary "club fighter," too crude and inexperienced for the ringwise Davis. In sixes, Gene Robnett, 130¾, France, outpointed Charley McGarrity, 128½, Matawan, N. J., and Chick Boucher, 136½, Bronx, punched too hard for Billy Scholes, 132½, Tampa, Fla., Referee Petey Scalzo stepping in at 2:31 of the second after Scholes had been knocked down once, then battered through the ropes. In fours, Lulu Perez, 126½, had too much speed for a fellow-Brooklynite, Hector Rodriguez, 123¾; Danny Perez, 135½, Bronx, punched out a decision over Sammy Anderson, 131, Brooklyn, and Dick Cannady, 147, Newark, was too persistent for a Jersey rival, Harold Johnson, 142, Paterson.

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Collecting a big early lead and staving off his opponent's strong finish, Don Williams, 146, Worcester, Mass., edged out Fitzie Pruden, 147½, St. Catharines, Ont., in a fast-moving ten, headlining the season's opener at the St. Nick Arena. The verdict gave Williams a 3-1 margin in the series with Pruden. Clever boxing and a snappy left jab piled up points for Don during the first half, but he faded in the closing sessions and was on the receiving end of some rough treatment from the aggressive Canadian. At the finish Williams was bleeding from the nose, mouth and a cut over the left eye. Tony Amato, 152½, Guttenburg, N. J., outslugged Mike Gillo, 160½, New Haven, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Tony Amabile, 127, whipped a Bronx rival, Joey Paniagua, 123¾, and Willie Troy, 154½, Harlem, stopped Lester Jackson, 160, Bronx, in the fourth. Kayos abbreviated two fours, Raymond Anglero, 125, Harlem, halting Walter Zimmick, 127¼, Jersey City, in the first, and Fred Messina, 135¼, Lodi, N. J., winning from Rudy Starace, 130¼, East Side, when the latter was unable to come out for the third.

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Not a knockout and only one knockdown in a carload of heavies and light-heavies was an unusual development at the Ridgewood Grove, when all six bouts on the program went their full routes. In the windup six, Jimmy DiLenge, 208, promising East Side youngster, posted his 13th win in 14 professional starts by carrying every round with Hugh Alvarez, 195¾, Cuba. Another likely-looking prospect, Dave Davey, 202, Joe Vella's importation from Tacoma, Wash., registered his sixth straight triumph in eastern rings by trouncing Cecil Bolin, 194½, Trenton, N. J. In two other sixes, Dom Perro, 180, East Side, was a winner over Angel Martinez, 179, Newark, N. J., and Larry Jones, 181, Brooklyn, scored the only knockdown of the night while outpunching Percy Allen, 205, Jackson Heights. In a pair of fours, John Letnom, 169, Bronx, chalked up a verdict over Lee Brown, 174, Brooklyn, and Stanley Oblinsky, 197½, a new arrival from Argentina, fought it out on even terms with Frank Martinez, 183, Bronx.

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In the first of the St. Nick Arena's "talent" shows, 19-year-old Lou (Sonny) Volpe, 147, West Side, came fast at the finish to whip rough-and-tumble Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 146, Bayonne, in a bristling eight. It was Volpe's 13th win in 14 pro outings. The youngster was bothered in the early rounds by the roughhouse style of his more experienced opponent, but he improved as the bout progressed and had DeFazio in some rough spots in the closing frames. The semi-final eight was over in a hurry, likely-looking Tony Allegro, 137½, Bronx, twice dumping Flora Hita, 138½, Cuba, before Referee Johnny Colan called a halt only 49 seconds after the opening bell. Earl Hilton, 128, Philadelphia, decisioned Ray Castillo, 123¾, Cuba, in a third eight. Frank Freese, 139, East Side, was credited with a kayo over Stokes Thomas, 139½, Newark, when an ugly gash over Thomas' left eye prompted the referee to intervene in the fourth of a scheduled six. In the opening four, Johnny Brown, 154, Harlem, needed only 29 seconds to polish off Al Mouzon, 149, Baltimore.

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One solid punch, with the fight only a minute old, ended the fifth chapter in the series between Bill Bossio, 123¾, Pittsburgh, and Pat Marcune, 126¾, Coney Island, which opened the season at the White Plains County Center. A looping right to the jaw, tossed by Rossio, caught Marcune on the chin, and sent him reeling back to the ropes. He sagged to the canvas, staggered up, then dropped again, taking the count on one knee, but he seemed confused and made no effort to rise as Referee Jim Crowley tolled ten. The time was 1:12. It was the first kayo in the series, and put Bossio out in front, 3-2. The main event was in keeping with the rest of the card, which scattered knockouts all over the premises. In the only bout to go its limit, Eddie Henderson, 167½, Bronx, decisioned Vincent Smith, 171, Jamaica, in four. In the other numbers, Al Warner, 158, Rochester, stopped Jimmy Lay, 164, Bronx, in the first; James Warburton, 117½, Bronx, halted a borough rival, Johnny Ramos, 124½, in the second; Eddie James, 136¼, Bronx, polished off Dave Seabrook, 133¾, Philadelphia, in the fourth, and Fred Messina, 136, Lodi, N. J., did likewise to Joe Pierre, 135, Brooklyn.

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Lusty punching carried young Ted Murray, 147, Long Island City, to a clean-cut decision over the veteran Henry Jordan, 146½, Philadelphia, in a rugged eight winding up Sunnyside Garden's opening program. Murray had a few rough moments in the first two rounds, but settled into stride in the third, and punched too hard and often for Jordan. The verdict gave Murray a score of two wins and one draw in three starts against Jordan. The semi-final, listed for six,

was over in 2:39 of the opening round, when Frank Keating, 160, Hartford, Conn., rammed heads with Cas Sugalski, 163, Newark, N. J., and the affair was halted because of a gash over the eye suffered by the latter. Two other bouts also were shortened, Johnny Soncinni, 136½, Levittown, kayoing Ray Aldridge, 134½, Bronx, in the fourth, and Lee Brown, 175, Brooklyn, eliminating Bobby Paul, 176, Astoria, in the second. In the two preliminaries to go their scheduled distances, both fours, Larry Mansey, 141½, Brooklyn, won from Johnny Dudley, 143½, Bronx, and Jerry Kortwright, 125, Puerto Rico, decisioned Ray Anglero, 125, Bronx.

Though enjoying big advantages in height and reach as well as weight, lanky Georgie Kaplan, 191, Brooklyn, lacked the ruggedness to stand up against chunky, hard-hitting Danny Nardico, 170¾, Tampa, Fla., and was belted out in 2:18 of the eighth at the St. Nick Arena. Making good use of his height and reach, Kaplan was doing fairly well for himself until the sixth, when he was dumped for nine, and he faded rapidly after that. A lusty left hook to the jaw finished him. The semi-final also produced a knockout, Raoul Perez, 147½, Cuba, stopping Jackie Lovett, 152¾, Providence, R. I., in 2:04 of the third. In sixes, Richie Reed, 153, White Plains, had the better of Jimmy McGirt, 156, Harlem, and Jimmy Sullivan, 137, Boston, repeated a previous decision over Henry Winchman, 137, East Side. Johnny Brown, 152¼, Harlem, halted Art Thayer, 153½, Providence, in the last round of a scheduled four.

With knockouts being delivered in wholesale lots at the other clubs, the Ridgewood Grove came through, for the second week in succession, with a non-kayo card, every bout going its full route. In the windup eight, Vic Cardell, 147½, Hartford, survived some rough moments in the early rounds, including a non-count knockdown in the third, to box and punch his way to a unanimous decision over Walter Haines, 144¾, Brooklyn. Son of an old favorite of Armory boxing days, Frankie (Kid) Anselm, Jr., 144¾, Philadelphia, looked good in his metropolitan debut, tossing a two-fisted lacing into Eddie Oliver, 141, Hartford, in the semi-final six. Jimmy Sulla, 129¼, outhustled the veteran Tomas Beato, 130, Santo Domingo, in another six. In fours, Mike Colucci, 145, Corona, decisioned Avelino Feil, 147, East Side; Tom Nelson, 170, Philadelphia, was a winner over Eddie Henderson, 166, Bronx, and Irwin Schultz, 164¾, East Side, drew with Bernie Delmont, 164, Brooklyn.

It must have been mental telepathy or something of the sort that Joe Giardello, 159½, Philadelphia, used to knock out Tony Amato, 157, Guttenburg, N. J., in the seventh of a scheduled eight at the St. Nick Arena. No punch was apparent to the few onlookers as Amato, ahead on all scorecards at the time, suddenly fell across the second strand of the ropes and was counted out. He claimed he had been butted under the left eye and the pain was so intense he couldn't continue. In two other eights, Billy Hazel, 135, Harlem, punched too effectively for Willie Stevenson, 136, Cleveland, and Sal DiGuardia, 133½, Bronx, hustled his way to a decision over Joe Wamsley, 131½, West Side. A scheduled six, between Mack Stamford, 162, Englewood, N. J., and Joe Harley, 166, Philadelphia, was halted at the end of the fourth and called a draw when both boys were bleeding profusely from cuts. Al Avant, 136, Philadelphia, whipped Fred Messina, 136, Paterson, in four.

Headlining at the White Plains County Center for the second successive week, busy Bill Bossio, 123, Pittsburgh, galloped to an easy decision over Johnny O'Brien, 120½, Boston, in eight. O'Brien, showing for the first time in a metropolitan ring, proved a willing sort, but not in Bossio's class. Three of the four supporting numbers ended in knockouts. In a co-featured eight, Georgie Sinclair, 129½, Toronto, showed good form in stopping Alex Fimbres, 130½, Phoenix, Ariz., in 1:54 of the seventh. A scheduled six wound up at 1:36 of the third, with Eddie James, 135, Bronx, polishing off Talbert Anderson, 133, Chester, Pa. Another six lasted only 53 seconds longer, Dom Zimbardo, 161½, Union, N. J., disposing of Johnny Brown, 155½, Jamaica. In the only preliminary to go its distance, Larry Mansey, 139, Brooklyn, grabbed the decision over Artemio Garces, 134½, Cuba.

The epidemic of knockouts at the local clubs continued at Sunnyside Garden when four of the six bouts were abbreviated, and the entire card produced a total of 53 minutes, 5 seconds of action—less than 18 full rounds. The main event, listed for eight, was over in a hurry, Joey Giambra, 150½, Buffalo, N. Y., starching Maurice Jenkins, 149, Newark, N. J., in 2:33 of the first. A companion eight went its full route, Tony Allegro, 138, Bronx, beating the veteran Bobby Timpson, 141, Youngstown, O. In the prelims, Paul Andrews, 172, Long Island City, dusted off Eddie Henderson, 168, Bronx, in 2:39 of the first; Jimmy Childs, 161, Brooklyn, stopped Herbie Hayes, 163½, Elmsford, in 52 seconds of the second; Jackie Cummerlander, 149½, Columbus, O., kayoed Willie Stewart, 153, Newark, in 2:11 of the third, and Frank Cosgrove, 157, Bronx, drew with a borough rival, Ray Colon, 158½, in four.

The "Children's Hour" at the St. Nick Arena, featuring two of the likeliest young developments hereabouts, Chico Vejar, 146, Stamford, Conn., and Lou (Sonny) Volpe, 144½, West Side, uncovered one of the most exciting battles seen in a local ring in some time. It was Vejar's 34th pro start and Volpe's 15th, and the difference in experience just about told the story. Knocked down and almost out in the first, Volpe came back in sensational style, but it was his first time over the ten-round route and he tired in the final frame, Vejar cinching the verdict by his strong finish. A well-battered winner, Chico required eight stitches over his left eye and two under his right, while Volpe suffered a fractured right thumb. Unusual for the St. Nick, the card failed to produce one kayo. In sixes, Bill Neri, 143, Bridgeport, outpointed Ike Jenkins, 146½, Harlem; Tony Amabile, 125½, Yonkers, won from Jimmy Bing, 121, Bronx, and Johnny Digilio, 138, Bayonne, decisioned Jimmy Sullivan, 138, Boston. In fours, Jimmy Crusade, 165, West Side, outpointed Irwin Schultz, 164½, East Side, and Ray Anglero, 123½, Bronx, whipped Armand Langlois, 123¾, Three Rivers, Que.

Speed and sharp hitting carried Phil Burton, 144¾, St. Louis, to a unanimous decision over Tommy Bazzano, 147½, Middletown, Conn., in a rugged eight at the Ridgewood Grove. A volley of rights and lefts dumped Bazzano on his pants just as the third ended, and Tommy went down again in the fourth, but the Nutmeg Stater survived those rough spells and made things interesting for Burton the rest of the way. Promising Lulu Perez, 127, Brooklyn, suffered his first pro defeat when he blew a decision to the more experienced Charley Slaughter, 130, Elizabeth, N. J., in the semi-final six. Three of the prelims were shortened by knockouts, two in the first, Jimmy Carabello, 137, West Side, dusting off Danny Giovanelli, 139, Brooklyn, in 1:52, and Ned Hicks, 182, Bronx, disposing of a borough rival, Frank Martinez, 182, in 2:49. The other kayo was posted by Frank Keating, 158, Wallingford, Conn., who halted Joe Moore, 151, Hempstead, in 2:32 of the second. In the only prelim to go its route, Artemio Garces, 134¼, Cuba, decisioned Larry Mansey, 137¾, Brooklyn, in four.

The American debut of Alfredo LaGrutta, 140¾, the first of Saverio Turiello's two latest importations from Italy to be seen here, was anything but a riotous success. The visitor was given a thorough going-over by Jackie O'Brien, 142¾, Meriden, Conn., in a one-sided eight at the St. Nick Arena. LaGrutta was little more than a punching bag for O'Brien. He was knocked down once, a left hook spilling him for seven in the third, and on a half-dozen other occasions he was caught off-balance and shoved and wrestled to the floor. At the finish he was bleeding from the nose, his left eyebrow was torn, and his face was a mass of bruises. In two other eights, Richie Crump, 130½, Bronx, decisioned Earl Hilton, 127¾, Philadelphia, and Jimmy Wilde, 133½, Bronx, slugged it out on even terms with Frankie Freese, 136, East Side. Joe Tomasello, 152¼, Matawan, N. J., won from Ronnie Moore, 155½, West Side, in six, and the only knockout on the card was registered by Gentile Wimberly, 160½, Cliffwood, who halted Matt Boylan, 163, Brooklyn, in 1:48 of the fourth.

Addenda . . . Sportscaster Steve Ellis, who spends more time in the fight business than in radio studios these days, has added Bill Neri, lanky Bridgeport lightweight, to his troupe of Connecticut Yankees. With Neri, Chico Vejar and Sam Guiliani in tow, Steve has a neat trio of kids to keep him gabbing. . . . Locals didn't see much of Joey Giambra in his metropolitan debut, but what they saw they liked. The 20-year-old Buffalo middleweight displayed a lusty punch in belting out Maurice Jenkins in one round at Sunnyside. It was Giambra's 20th win in 21 pro starts, and his 16th by kayo. . . . Messing around with the truth is an old habit with American promoters. In Washington recently, Gaetano Annaloro, beaten by Gene Smith, was billed as the European bantam champ. He isn't, and never has been. . . . The second week of the Commission's automatic 30-day suspensions for knockout victims produced exactly the same score as the first week—13 kayos in 29 bouts on five cards. . . . Tippy Larkin came out of a two-years' retirement to whip Humberto Sierra in Newark. After getting a peek at what's around in the welterweight class, 34-year-old Tippy insisted on fighting again. Why not? What's he got to worry about? . . . The Australian flyweight title is no Laffin matter since Jimmy lost it to Taffy Hancock.

Gangway! . . . Bossing by remote control apparently has become a regular thing in New York's political circles. Bill O'Dwyer started it. While mayor, Bill seemed to spend most of his time in Forida or cruising through the Caribbean. His successor, Vincent Impellitteri, is currently touring Italy. Eddie Eagan, as chairman of the State Athletic Commission, did considerable hop-scotching around the globe. His replacement, Bob Christenberry, is now planning a jaunt to Ireland. It's getting so that New York is a place for New Yorkers to go to when there's nowhere else to go.

## CHARLES ALTERS STYLE

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quickly and properly when he called a halt.

Layne's chances of ever reaching the top are doomed. Two successive knockouts, by Marciano and Charles, have put an end to his title chances. He'll never be any better than he was in Pittsburgh, and that was far from sufficient to enable him to cope with the leading figures in his division.

CHARLES had little to gain in the Pittsburgh battle other than to get in a tough tune-up in preparation for his return championship bout with Walcott. Despite his clean-cut victory, however, he displayed little over which his admirers could enthuse other than a good punch. Strange though it may sound, the fact is that he has found himself in this respect and is hitting better than at any time in his career.

But his timing was far off. Until he came through with his heavy attack in the tenth, his advantage was small. In fact Layne did the better work in the early rounds but lost ground after the sixth.

In the seventh, Charles began his climb. That was his best round before the tenth. He rocked Rex several times with left hooks and the manner in which Layne reacted, seemed to give Ezzard the confidence he required to enable him to go all out thereafter. After the sixth frame, Layne landed few blows that were effective as against many by Charles.

Throughout the fight it was evident that Charles had changed his usual fighting style by eliminating much of his science in which he excels for the sake of slugging. Had he resorted to the use of his perfect jabbing more often, he probably would have halted Layne far sooner. He used his left with effect against Rex's face but only in the later rounds.

If Charles gets in one more such tough opponent before he faces Walcott and shows to such advantage as he did in the Pittsburgh battle, he will be the choice over Jersey Joe. From all appearances, judging on his performance against Layne, though Ezzard took eleven rounds while Rocky Marciano required only six to stop Rex, Charles is likely to be the first heavyweight to regain the world crown.

Charles weighed his highest ever when he scaled 188 for Layne, and declared that the extra weight didn't affect his speed any. Rex scaled 195½.

Referee McTiernan gave Layne the first, third and ninth rounds; Judge Buck Styperk had Layne ahead in the third and ninth and Judge Tarzan McGivern gave Rex the third, fifth and ninth and called the second even. The rest were all Charles' rounds. I gave Layne three rounds and called one even.

A disappointing gathering of only 6,257 saw the scrap and paid $34,763. In addition $25,000 was received for television.

## PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

THROUGH the kindness and consideration of The Ring Magazine I have been sending in news of the Pittsburgh and Youngstown, Ohio, boxing programs but I am going to drop that for this issue. For some time now I have been burning up inside. I burn up at the discrimination against the sport we all love—the fight game. I burn up at the lack of spirit of former fighters who give up so easily. I burn up at the sportswriters who glorify a boxer one day and tear him down another.

It's been one burn after another and now through The Ring Magazine I come pleading to you men of the squared circle to wake up. Wake up enough so that you, too, begin to burn a little; and realize that something has to be done to stop this "name-calling" and killing off of our sport. Aren't you tired of being called "punchy?" Aren't you tired of picking up your newspaper and scanning the screaming headlines that tell you of a ring death, when three other sports deaths are buried on page ten?

Burning a little already, aren't you? First, you want to remember that you are a former fighter or active now. But the important thing is that you are a member of the sport that thrills millions of fans each year. You want to remember too, how you aided a number of charity organizations. Almost all of us who have fought have appeared on programs where a certain percentage went to some worthy cause.

You must not forget that a large number of our fellowmen hold responsible jobs; that many are doctors, dentists, police officers and all are well respected men in their respective communities. You must not forget that many of us have children who have been proud to say that Daddy was a boxer, but now are wondering if that is the right thing to say because of the bad publicity we are getting. There are so many things to remember, but we have forgotten too quickly. Get up and fight, men! Get after your sports writer if he is the type who smears boxing and boxers without a fair deal or understanding. Write to the editors and show them that football averages twenty deaths per year in a three-month period of action and that football injuries have killed more than 500 boys in the U. S. in the past 20 years. Give him the facts that in New York alone during a 32-year period, baseball caused 43 deaths, football 22 and yet none of these true statements receive the headline treatment that boxing does.

Point out to all that will listen that auto-racing is legalized murder too. That every year dozens of deaths occur on the speed tracks and deaths happen on the horse-race tracks, in swimming, basketball, et al. Stop shrugging your shoulders when a friend asks you what is happening to the fight game! Give him an answer! Fight back with words! Ask him if he thinks that Jack Dempsey is punchy! Or Gene Tunney! Or Joe Louis! Or the many, many thousands of other ring men! Sure, we have our cases, we don't want to whitewash the game, but point out to your friend that because of a very few, that not all members of the ring are to be abused.

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In a rousing show at Altoona, Pa., Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, looked good in banging out a knockout win over the durable Hurley Sanders. Buddy Walls defeated Don Alderson in the eight-round semi-final. Alderson, highly regarded welterweight, suffered his third loss in 25 bouts. In other contests, Jesse Keller knocked out Lou Kochy and Joe Martino beat Jim Haigy.

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Pittsburgh's Bob Baker will no longer be kidded about looking like a blimp. Bob trained down to a neat 216 pounds pounds from a blueberry 225 and looked impressive in plastering a kayo win over Chicago's Don Hall in the third round. A crowd of 3,000 paid a gross gate of $6,685.49. Other results saw Phil Saunders, Chicago, lower the boom on Chuck Higgins, Youngstown, Ohio, in the first round. Doc Watkins again bested Arnold Curry. Joe Green edged Carl Ladson and Joe Gisondi stopped Al Guss in the third.

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For our wrestling fans, here are some results. In New Castle, Pa., Ruffy Silverstein defeated Farmer Marlin in 27 minutes. Bobby Ford and Angelo Poffo teamed up to best Dan Ferrazza and George Micracosta. In a midget contest Tiny Rowe slammed down Tom Thumb in 16 minutes with a body press. Promoter Tommy Leach handled the show. . . . In Pittsburgh, Marvin Mercer threw Jackie Nichols in 34:52. Ruffy Silverstein tossed Ivan Rasputin. Frank Talaber beat Ali Pasha and Angelo Poffo threw Roy Shire.

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Short Cuffs: Pittsburgh referee Ernie Sesto is back at work in local rings. . . . Mike Burke will stage amateur and pro shows in Johnstown, Pa. . . . Cowboy Anthony DeLuca, former ring-star, will open up a series of top-notch pro shows this month. DeLuca would like to hear from interested managers and their charges. Write A. J. DeLuca, 219 Larimer Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Scotty Foley of Canonsburg, Pa., believes he has a coming welterweight star in his Don Alderson. A youngster who has copped 22 out of 25 pro bouts. . . . Aside to Wm. Bender, Pittsburgh. Thanks for Pitt info. . . . Warren, Ohio, will open up with wrestling shows soon. . . . Ditto Sharon, Pa. . . . Frankie Rio, former Farrell scrapper is now located in California. . . . To be sure of THE RING Magazine, subscribe. . . . Notes from readers welcome. Address mail to 303 George St., Farrell, Pa.

## DENVER AND VICINITY
W. G. (Bill) Thomas, Jr.

GORKY GONZALES, Denver's popular featherweight, lost a close decision to Red Top Davis on the eight-round semi to the Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler show in New York, September 25th.

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K. S. Barnett made an attempt to line up a show for Denver but it fell through and there were no pro shows in the state for the month.

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## IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO opened its fall-winter indoor season with a bang. Promoter Irving Schoenwald brought in Paddy DeMarco and Enrique Bolanos and featured them in a ten-round bout at the Coliseum.

DeMarco swarmed all over Bolanos to win a lop-sided decision. The kid from the West Coast tried hard all the way, but was only able to win one round on all three of the officials' score cards. DeMarco definitely has proven to Chicago fans that he is a serious threat to win the lightweight championship. This writer scored all ten rounds in favor of DeMarco.

In eight-round bouts, Jesse Underwood, 137, Detroit, won an overwhelming decision over Lem Thomas, 136, Chicago. Underwood, who sometimes fights under the name of Dave Shade, had Thomas on the floor for a nine-count in one of the early rounds and clearly outboxed his rugged opponent. In another bout which went eight heats, John LaBroi, 148, Gary, won the duke over Wray Carter, 143, Chicago, in a tame affair.

The fireworks of the evening finally came in the six-round heavyweight event. Ralph Schneider, 240, Chicago, scored a knockout over Rocky Jackson, 196, Los Angeles, in the third round. This bout proved interesting as Jackson opened the first round by clouting Schneider over the left eye with a vicious right, but Schneider held on until the end of the frame. In the second round Schneider hit Jackson with a short left hook, knocking him clean out of the ring into the press row. After climbing back in at the count of 17, Schneider connected with his power-laden right, putting Jackson down again, with the bell intervening, when the referee stepped in and called a halt to the one-sided affair.

In the four-round opener, Bill Noble, 180, Omaha, won a four-round decision over George Burnette, 182, Los Angeles. The fans didn't turn out the way they should have for this top boxing show with the gate suffering at the rate of a $7,000 attendance.

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At the Chicago Stadium in a good card presented by the International Boxing Club, Dave Sands, 146½, Australia, won a ten-round decision over Carl (Bobo) Olson, 163½, Honolulu. Both boys put forth their best, but it proved to be a dull bout from the standpoint of the fans. Sands, who is the middleweight champion of Australia, despite a continuous attack, couldn't hurt the Hawaiian. In the tenth and final round, Olson connected with heavy lefts and rights hurting the Australian, who seemed to be very tired, but the rally came too late to do any good. Either Sands is overrated or the trip coming over here may have weakened him.

In a good semi-windup, Luther Rawlings, 137, Chicago, won by a knockout over Jay Watkins, 136, Flint, in the seventh heat. Rawlings, who is rated fourth in the lightweight division, was much too clever and tough for the boy from Michigan and won very easily.

In another ten-round bout, Chuck Davey, 148, Detroit, won a clean-cut decision over John LaBroi, 146, Gary. Davey, who fights under the watchful eye of Tommy King, is undefeated as a pro and seems ready for top opponents. Davey scored 24 straight wins before being held to a draw by Ross Virgo and is one of the best prospects in the Middle West today.

In a thrilling bout, Don Ward, 132, Gary, won a six-round verdict over Madison Morgan, 131½, Chicago. Both boys put up a good fight with Ward's aggressiveness earning him the duke. In the curtain-raiser, Bill Noble, 179, Omaha, knocked out Richard Hammond, 170½, Gary, in the final round of a four.

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This writer is available for a publicity contact for managers at present, so you may get in touch with me before December 1st. . . . From my mail pouch—To R. G. of Denver: Yes, it takes more than just brains. You've got to care about the boy at heart. . . . To Tom Calahan of Greensboro, N. C.: Keep punching. Your turn will show up soon.

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Attention, Promoters: If you are looking for crowd-pleasing, top fighters for your shows, consult the Manager's Directory in THE RING, where Lenny Myers and Al DeRose have all weights available at the shortest possible notice. Contact this writer at 845 Eastwood Ave., Phone UPtown 8-5911, Chicago 40, Ill.


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# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

## By HARRY E. WINKLER

THE fistic slump is still on out here in California. There were no shows staged at either San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Eureka, Richmond or Bakersfield during the month. A few short years ago there were twenty clubs showing weekly in fifteen California cities. There are now only twelve licensed clubs in ten of the cities and some of them remain dark for weeks at a time, due to a lack of talent.

Oh yes, television has cut deeply into boxing attendance, and the many other night sports are real competition also, but the main reason for the boxing slump is the shortage of fighters with a box office appeal.

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Lauro Salas, beetle-browed toughie from below the Border, regained the California featherweight crown from Fabela Chavez in a 12-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Salas made his usual slow start (his early-round action always resembles a man taking a turtle for a walk), and Chavez copped the early heats with a fast left hand and some fancy footwork. Salas' handlers were able to arouse him by the fourth round and it was a fight from then on.

Ignoring Fabela's light-punching, the granite-chinned Salas walked in heaving leather and had about evened the score by the end of the ninth. Then, in the tenth, instead of making greater effort to outbox his aggressive foe, Chavez elected to slug it out with him and of course Fabela came out second best. Salas also bested Chavez in an exciting eleventh round and then put an end to the contest early in the twelfth when he tore out and beat Fabela to the canvas with a volley of hard blows.

Chavez regained his feet before the fatal count but he was in no condition to defend himself and manager George Parnassus leaped into the ring to save his fighter from further punishment, giving Salas a KO victory in 1:15 of the twelfth round.

In the six round semi, Gil Cadilli, 118, continued on his winning way in easily outpointing Manuel Hernandez, 124. The classy Cadilli copped every round.

In the prelims, Willie Vaughn, 157, and Jimmy Hays, 148, boxed six rounds to a draw; Paul Pargo, 164, decisioned Sal Flores, 163, in six; Abel Fernandez, 175, KO'ed Walter Landry, 170, in the second.

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There was a lot of excitement during the bout between Eddie Chavez and Glen Flanagan at the San Jose Auditorium. (Sure, and this Flanagan has a way with him.) The St. Paul Irishman is known for his contempt for the Marquis of Queensberry rules (well, he was an Englishman, wasn't he?), but the San Jose fans are not used to seeing their pride roughed up and they came close to getting into the act.

Flanagan's tactics stymied Chavez for a few rounds, but, then Eddie got into the spirit of the thing and the crowd was treated to a fast, bitterly contested setto. Chavez dished out a body attack in the final three rounds that earned him the unanimous decision. Referee Eddie James was more exhausted than the fighters at the finish, having had to pry them apart at the end of the rounds. Chavez outweighed Flanagan 136 to 131.

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In supporting bouts, Woody Harper, 152, Oakland, KO'ed Eddie Johnson, 147, in the third; Doug Kirby, 135, San Francisco, disposed of Al Enriquez, 139, in the second; John Chipman, 164, iced Al Ruiz, 165, in the opening heat. As a result of a new ruling by the Commission, two amateur boxers, Danny Rodriguez, 132, and Charlie Williamson, 131, opened the show. Rodriguez copped the nod.

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For three rounds of their ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, Lou Josephs, Seattle south-paw, made it interesting for both the small crowd and Bobby Jones, Oakland's state welterweight champion. In those three heats, the sixth, seventh and ninth. Josephs forced the milling and landed some long stiff lefts, but, for the most part, Josephs boxed defensively. In fact, if Lou's retreating had been done on a straight line north, he would have been about half way back to Seattle by the end of the bout. Jones was credited with seven rounds, Josephs two, with one even.

In the semi, hard-hitting Clifton Lester, 149, made quick work of Roy Daniels, 149, putting him out of commission in the opening round.

In the four-rounders, Al Callihan, 171, defeated Paul Pargo, 168; Billy Evans, 126, nodded Tony Gallegos, 127; Pete Aguirre, 127, handed Johnny Richards, 134, another loss; Russ Gillam, 148, bested Johnny Hairston, 151.

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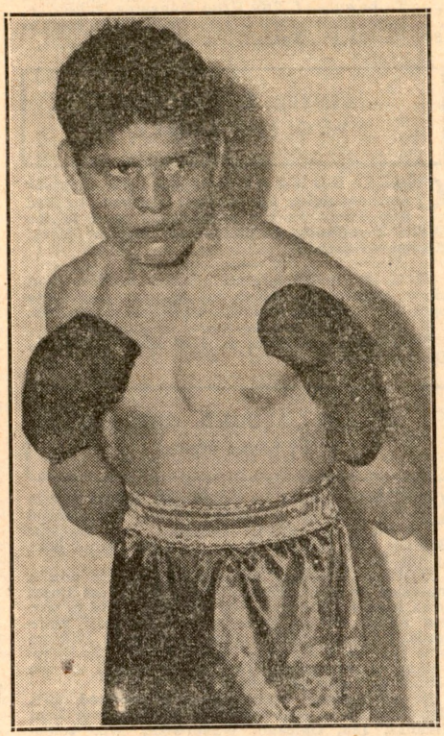
Promoter Cal Eaton of Los Angeles hopes to again set a record for California boxing receipts. He has done it twice before, first, his promotion of the Ortiz-Dade title fight established a California indoor record, grossing $48,000. Then, his Williams-Bolanos bout set an all-time California high with $152,867. But, these records have since been topped by the Charles-Valentino title go at San Francisco, a Bill Kyne promotion, which attracted a $167,870 gate.



*Lauro Salas, San Jose featherweight, recently won the California State title by knocking out Fabela Chavez in twelve rounds.*

Of course the world's biggest gates have always been drawn by the heavyweights, while Eaton has had only the little fellows to play with, but in spite of that fact Eaton believes that his Carter-Aragon lightweight title fight next month will establish a new California record. He is trying for a national television tie-up, and with it, believes that the total take would amount to a quarter of a million dollars. (Gulp.)

Eaton knows that the chances of such a hook-up are slim, but even without the television he looks for the Carter-Aragon go to draw $150,000. And everyone who knows Cal Eaton and Babe McCoy, will be hoping with them, for they are just about the two finest guys in this beak-busting business. However, I for one, do not look for the bout to go over $100,000, in spite of the fact that all three of the Williams-Bolanos matches did much better than that. (Well, we need pessimists too, y'know.)

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An indication of the talent situation out here can be gleaned in the report of Fitzie Fitzpatrick being used in a Hollywood Stadium main event. Fitzie, a few years ago the most colorful fighter on the Pacific Coast, retired in '48, after several defeats. Later, after other setbacks in a comeback in '49, he was again persuaded to hang up the gloves. In this fight, probably his last, Fitzpatrick opposed Hank Thurman, a mediocre heavyweight, just out of the prelim ranks.

It was plain from the start that Fitzy didn't have it any longer. He was slow, missed badly and was easily put down. In all, he was on the canvas five times in the fourteen minutes of action, three times from solid punches, twice from a push and stumbling. The rangy Thurman experienced little difficulty holding Fitzpatrick off with long left jabs and when the Virginia slugger petered out, Hank began flooring him with rights to the jaw. Referee Abe Roth halted the one-sided affair in the fourth. Thurman weighed 200, Fitzpatrick 178.

In the semi, Joey Gurrola, 138, won by a TKO over Sammy Figueroa, 136, in the fifth when the latter was ruled out because of a badly gashed eye. It had been a sizzling setto, one that prompted the fans to shower the ring with coins.

In three prelims, Mickey Northrup, 123, halted Armando Felix, 118, in the fifth; Bobby Couch, 162, decisioned Jackie Condon, 161, in four; Al Enriquez, 135, added another defeat to Johnny Richards' long list of 'em.

And here is one that sounds more like a lie than anything I've ever reported in this column. Chu Chu Jiminez not only defeated Jesse Flores, but also had the Stockton pride down seven times. And this humiliating defeat took place before Flores' friends and neighbors, being waged at the Stockton Auditorium. It was to have been merely a warm-up fight for Jesse, who hadn't fought in six months, and showed it, having neither speed, timing nor stamina.

Although one-sided it was an exciting go, due to Flores' desperate effort to turn the side, as much as to the many knockdowns. Jiminez floored Jesse for a seven count in the first round, for a two-count in the second, and eight in the fifth, for four in the seventh and decked him three times in the eighth. (Gee, it makes a guy dizzy merely to report that many knockdowns.) Flores was in a bad way at the end of this hectic eighth but he was still on his feet at the end of the tenth round.

In the semi, Cliff Schellin, 161, Stockton, KO'ed Ray Louis, 162, Los Angeles, in the fifth after having decked him for nine in the first heat. It was Schellin's first showing in his home town and the folks sure liked what he showed.

In the opener, Moe Mario, 120, Alameda, iced Larry Schneider, 123, Los Gatos, in the third.

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The feature six-rounder of a "talent" show at Los Angeles Olympic, was a contest of legs. Now don't become unduly excited, fellows, it wasn't a contest between Betty Grable, Virginia Mayo, Marlene Deitrich, or any of the girls. It was a bout between Watson Jones, 172, and Frankie Crane, 168, of Seattle, in which Crane's young, long legs enabled him to easily avoid Jones' heavy punch which was dependent on Watson's aging gams.

Crane circled and jabbed Jones at will in the first four rounds. Watson didn't make much of an effort until the final two heats, and then didn't make hay, for whenever Jones rushed in with his potent left hook Crane left the scene of possible disaster. Referee Mushy Callahan credited Frankie with five of the six rounds.

In other bouts, Lavert Smith, 128, handed a poorly-conditioned Jimmy Dunn, 134, a pasting, staggering him several times and decking him for eight in the fifth, six; Don Robinson, 171, looked to be the best fighter on the card in scoring the only knockout of the evening. Robinson put Walter Landry, 168, to sleep in the fifth round; Eddie Hernandez, 127, proved too big and strong for Tommy Umeda, 120, and he gave the little Jap a lacing in the late rounds, six; Willie Vaughn, 156, decisioned Everett Vasquez, 152, four; Rocky Slater, 147, and John Hairston, 149, drew in four.

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The most formidable contender for Bobby Jones' state welterweight title, Charlie Salas, fell far short from living up to it in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Salas holds a couple of victories over Jones, but they may have been of the "home town" variety, having been garnered at Phoenix, where Charlie hangs his hat and gloves. Both of these young men are good boxers, but only one of them was at his best on this night. Salas staged one of his occasional poor performances.

It was strictly a boxing match, but a fast and interesting one. Left jabs and footwork was the chief stock in trade of both, with the Oaklander a bit faster with both hands and feet. Jones also whipped over an occasional right that helped add up points that gave him six of the rounds. Charlie was credited with two rounds and two were tabbed as being even. Jones weighed 147, Salas 146.

In the semi, Joey Gurrola, 136, pounded out a win over Al Galindo, 143, copping four of the six rounds with a body attack.

In the four-rounders, Willie Vaughn, 156, decisioned Everett Vasquez, 151; Tony Grich, 155, scored a four round TKO over Jimmy Hays, 149; Aaron Junior, 140, nodded Tello Cruz, 137; Al Enriquez, 136, bested Johnny Richards, 132. (Life must get awfully monotonous for Johnny.)

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This column was started off with comment on what is needed most to stimulate interest in boxing out here. The promoters, too, believe that an influx of white boxers would be of great benefit to the game in California this winter. And these promoters are hoping that this writer may be of some help, via this column, in encouraging boxers throughout the country to campaign on the Coast during these winter months.

So, in such interests, I would be happy to point out the advantages of such a campaign. So, if you are a young, white boxer, either professional or amateur, who would like to do your roadwork on the beach and your shadow-boxing on green lawns, while your cousins are brushing the snow off their cauliflower ears and shaking icicles out of their boxing trunks, write and tell me of it. And I will furnish you with such information as amount of purses, training facilities, living conditions, etc.

However, in making such inquiry, you first must furnish me with the information that is necessary if I am to make an intelligent reply.

State your age, nationality, height, dependents and managerial tie-ups, if any, as well as your weight, experience and complete record, if you have one. All right, let us hear from some of you Irish, German, French, Italian, Jewish, English, Scotch, Indian, Norwegian and Polish leather-pushers. We already have the Negro and Mexican boxers on the ground and with you out here to meet them, both you and they should enjoy better incomes.

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The advance notices of a boxing card to be staged at Santa Clara, the first professional card in that city in many years, stated that Manuel Ortiz, former world bantam champion, who was meeting Eddie Chavez of San Jose, in the main event, had trained for this one and was to be in condition to make the fight of his career. That's what the man said.

So, Ortiz entered the ring weighing 136, fat, slow and displaying little except gameness. Of course, Chavez won without much effort, jabbing and hooking to both head and body almost at will. The fight, as a whole, was not a good one. There was real action only in the ninth when Ortiz mustered up enough B-complex to keep punching in an exchange with his fast, young foe. Chavez, weighing 137, was credited with nine of the ten rounds.

There was a redeeming feature to the affair, in that the show was a benefit for the Santa Clara County Youth Center, and the gate grossed $6621, although a $15,000 crowd was expected to turn out. (Well, we need optimists too, y'know.)

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The main-event talent being what it is Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Angeles Olympic is often forced to put in so-called "talent shows", a card of six-rounders, in order to keep running weekly. But although these programs most always produce lively action and are presented at reduced prices they seldom attract over 1500 fans and such a crowd in an arena that seats 10,400 means that the promoter is operating in the red.

You have just been given a "behind the scene" report of these "talent" shows, let us now review one from the front:

Joe Fisher, 139, Pueblo, KO'ed Al Galindo, 141, in the fourth round of the feature bout. Fisher is a rugged battler who furnishes lots of action, but he plays rough and seems to do more damage with his noggin than he does with his fists. He had the better of Galindo in the second and third, but lost both rounds, being penalized for butting. Fisher finished his foe with a right to the stomach.

Don (Rocky) Robinson, 171, added another KO to his growing list by flattening Sonny Boy Harris, 172, in the second heat. A left hook to the chin acccounted for this one. It was Robinson's fifth KO in seven starts.

Charlie Green, 155, disposed of Boyd Smith, 152, Dallas, Texas, in two rounds, Smith being unable to continue in the third.

Clifton Lester, 148, dusted off Woody Winslow, 147, Merced, in the second heat, flooring him twice before it was halted.

Roy Daniels, 148, decisioned Jimmy Hays, 147, in six.

Rocky Slater, 145, bested John Hairston, 150, in a four.

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Promoter Jimmy Murray has contracted to have his shows televised for the next twenty-six weeks. The shows are to be staged on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, so as not to interfere with other California boxing shows which operate on Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights. And in this instance, television has come to the rescue, for Oakland has been one of the poorest fight towns in the state during the past year, and the TV contract entered into by Murray means added money for everyone concerned.

The main-eventers are to receive $400 apiece, plus their regular percentage of the gate. Preliminary boxers are to receive twice the amount they have been paid in recent months.

The bout between Rudy Cruz, 138, and Tote Martinez, 139, slated for the Hollywood Stadium, didn't figure to be much of a fight—it wasn't, but those who attended did expect to remain until the finish, however, many of them didn't. Although Cruz did not perform up to his best ability, he won by a wide margin, for Martinez is not nearly the fighter he once was.

Let's see what happened. Ho, hum, I get so tired when reading the notes I made on the bout. Both boxers seemed to be trying to make a fight of it, but you know how it is, some days you simply cannot accomplish anything. Referee Joe Stone tabbed Cruz the winner by eight points. Ho, hum!

In two six-rounders, Gil Cadilli, 118, won easily over Jesse Morales, 122. For five heats Morales back-pedaled around the ring. Jesse stood and mixed it a bit in the sixth, but lost it, as he did the other five. Jimmy Hays, 147, made a strong finish to get a draw with Roy Daniels, 150, in the other sixer, a lively setto.

In two four-rounders, Mickey Northrup, 124, stopped Billy Evans, 123, in the fourth. Dino Burns, 136, and Aaron Junior, 137, went to a draw.

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This writer was more than a little surprised to hear that a poll conducted by the Mexican Sports Writers' Assn. (Los Angeles), had resulted in Enrique Bolanos being voted the most popular Mexican boxer of all time. The results showed Bolanos receiving nearly three times as many votes as Bert Colima. Well, Bolanos has been a good fighter and he is a nice fellow personally. The Mexican fans should be for him.

But, Bert Colima was just as good, if not a better fighter than Bolanos, and he has the finest personality of any Mexican boxer who ever lived. There have been greater fighters than Colima—Aurelio Herrera, Joe Rivers, Kid Azteca, Manuel Ortiz, etc.—but none more popular, and I could fill this entire page with facts and incidents to prove it.

The only way that I can account for Bert Colima not being voted the most popular Mexican boxer of all time, is that a great many Mexican boxing fans have passed on in recent years, or, like many of us, they do not bother to vote. For, those voting in this poll must have been youngsters, and few of them know of the "all time" boxers.

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Further evidence of the shortage of fistic talent out here was the matching of Bobby Jones versus Clifton Lester, at the Los Angeles Olympic. Lester is in Jones' class in weight only. However, the Texas Negro did put Jones on the canvas for a three-count in the third to cop the round, but it was the only heat he was credited with. For the most part, the Oaklander forced Lester about the ring with a fast jabbing attack.

It was simply a case of too much class. And if Jones possessed a punch of any potency, it would have been a brief encounter, for Bobby is a sharp-shooter and he landed often. Lester tired in the late rounds but Bobby didn't and he gave Clifton quite a pasting before the ten-rounder was over. Jones weighed 151, Lester 147.

In the semi, Keeny Teran, 117, Ray Luna's bundle of class, chalked up his most impressive victory to date in scoring a KO over Manuel Hernandez, 123, in the third round. Keeny almost turned the trick in the first heat.

In the four-rounders, Don Robinson, 171, bested Al Callihan, 169, in the socking spree; Richie Lopez, 151, and Willie Vaughn, 156, fought to a draw; Billy Evans, 125, and Frankie Rivera, 126, also ended up even; Roger Scharf, 121, decisioned Armando Felix, 119.

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And now that the monthly fights have been reported, I am to dispense with any further comment on the local boxing picture in order to make reply or reference to some foreign correspondence. I made a few such notes in las month's report but the allotted space did not permit their publication. But I believe that there is remaining space for several such notes at this time and I trust that the Editor will consider them of sufficient importance to be left in.

Jim Shepherd of Australia, a writer on a sports magazine, is desirious of corresponding with someone in the U.S. who may be interested in exchanging data on boxers and boxing. He is in a position to send such American correspondent photos, records and clippings of fights, in return for such data. The Australians are among the best boxing fans on earth, and in most cases are interesting letter writers. Jim Shepherd is such a man, and I trust that whoever corresponds with him is as sincere and reciprocal as he is. His address is Jim Shepherd, 12 Inman St., Maroubra, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Clifford Fry, Blackrock, Cork, Ireland:— There is no California Boxing Managers' directory. Your request has been passed on to those you mentioned. I hope you hear from them.

Michael V. Smith, 21 Norton Road, Letchworth, Herts, England:— Regarding your desire to correspond with some Californian relative to exchanging data on boxing, I am listing your address with this notice in hopes that some California reader may be interested.

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Victor Thomson of South Africa, writes of his great disappointment at receiving so few answers to the many letters he writes to American boxers, requesting photos, in most instances. I receive dozens of such letters, and because of it, I wish to state here just what I wrote to Victor Thomson, which was:— No one should feel badly at not receiving replies to their letters to boxers. Most well known boxers receive hundreds of such letters and it is too expensive to send photos to all. And too, prominent boxers are pressed for time, as their activities are many. And how are you at answering the few letters that you receive?

Robt. W. Anderson, Homerton, London, England:— If such a championship bout takes place in Los Angeles I will secure the program for you. I may have some literature of interest to you, but you must pay the postage on it.

John Womersley, Melbourne, Australia:— Thanks for all the information. Enjoyed your long letter very much. Keep up your writing, you will realize your ambition for you already have a knowledge of boxing.

Mr. R. Bottomley, Blackburn, Langs, England:— Regarding your organization, the Universal Fight Fans' Club; I admire your efforts in behalf of the proposed world-wide association, and I note the favorable comment you have received in several parts of the globe, but frankly, I am in the dark as to the benefits to be derived by the members. If I were to support it, I honestly wouldn't know what I was supporting. What are the benefits? When, where and how can boxing fans become members, and what is the fee, if any?

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Chris Lessing, Alberton, South Africa:— Pleased that you agree with me on the merits of Mike Gibbons. In fact, you go me one better in believing that he would even defeat the great Les Darcy. Yes, indeed, Gibbons was a boxing marvel. Sorry, but I have no way of securing the addresses of the old-timers you mentioned, and can only suggest The Ring as the place to secure the photos you desire. You sure have a fine collection.

Thomas Myler, Robert St., Dublin, Ireland:— Sorry, but have no photos to give out. Will get your request to the boxers mentioned.

Len Rogers, Treorchy, South Wales:— Many thanks for your kind expressions. Mr. Fleischer would be pleased, indeed, to hear of your generous praise of his Ring, of how much pleasure it gave to you during your ordeal. And in answer to your request I am writing the following:

Dear Reader; There is great satisfaction in doing a good turn, no matter how small, for someone who thoroughly appreciates it. To experience such a feeling of satisfaction, send one or more of your back copies of Ring to Len Rogers, 24 Clifton St., Cwmpark, Treorchy, South Wales, England. Rogers, a lover of boxing, was confined in a hospital, recovering from a terrible accident. One day a bed mate gave him a Ring to read. Rogers had never before seen one. He so enoyed it that he hopes to get to read more of them. Well! Thanks.

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Grey Cuddumbey, King William's Town, South Africa:— Thanks for the magazine. Sorry, but I do not have necessary time to write out the information you request. None of the ex-champion's you mentioned live in California. And I do not have any photos to give out.

A. W. Leyens, Brixton, London, England:— Cannot give you any information on the "lady wrestlers." And frankly, neither Nat Fleischer, my Uncle Sam, or Mrs. Winkler would allow me to express my opinion on the subject. However, there is something on these female grapplers in the November issue of The Ring (blush).

John T. Ryan, 29 Charles St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia:— I am stating that you desire to exchange sports magazines, photos and clippings of boxers, with someone in the U.S.A. who also has such a hobby. And too, that you are especially anxious to secure some old copies of The Ring.

S/Sgt. T. P. O'Neill, 7th Inf. R.E.M.E., London, England:— Thanks kindly for your complimentary letter. And for the clippings and pictures of Turpin-Robinson fight. And again, for your offer of future courtesies. I too, am of your opinion, if they meet for the third time.

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Nigel A. J. Thompson, P.O. Wankie, Southern Rhodesia:— I am herewith stating that you wish to correspond with someone in the U.S.A. who is a lover of boxing. That you are a young man studying journalism and wish to exchange information on sports of your respective countries. And I take the liberty to add, that from your letter, I am positive that you are a fine fellow, and I hope that some reader of this column will become a "pen pal" to you.

Cyril Phillips, Treorchy, Glam, South Wales, England:— Regret that I have no photos to give out nor the addresses of the boxers you mention. You can get some of the addresses you want from the Managers' Directory in The Ring.

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Miss Vicki Jenkins, Helen's Beauty Shop, Kings Mountain, N. C.:— So you were disappointed at not finding any word of wrestling in my column? Well, Vicki, if you had read my column 'way back in 1940, or at any time since, you wouldn't have found anything of wrestling in it. Sorry, we do not agree on your favorite "sport," and even though you may regard me as an old meanie, still, I will try to persuade Gorgeous George to have his hair-do done by you if he ever struts his stuff in North Carolina.

Pfc. Sam Valenzuela, Fort Sam Houston, Texas:— The reason for so few photos of California boxers in The Ring magazine in recent months is because the space was devoted to more important news—the numerous championship bouts, the upsets of International importance, etc. However, there should be more pictures of California boxers in the coming months as I have been sending them in.

Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

## LATE FLASH FROM DETROIT

By M. Dominguez

RAY BARNES, 163¾, making his first start since his army induction last April, won a ten-round unanimous decision from Terry Moore, 159¾, of Baltimore, at the Olympia.

Barnes, by his victory, returned to the top ten among rated middleweights, a position he held prior to his entering the army. For the first three rounds of the fight, the Detroit soldier cautiously felt out his opponent, then started mauling Moore's face, opening a cut on his nose and popping large welts under both eyes.

# UNSUNG, *they* BECAME HEROES

## *Many a Fighter, Considered Poor Prospect at Start of Career, Has Gone On to Fistic Greatness*

### *By* CHARLES LESEMAN

SOME thirty-five years ago a young unknown heavyweight from the west drifted into New York, had a few fights at the old Harlem Sporting Club without attracting undue attention, and left town as quietly as he had arrived. It was two years later that the young man, out in San Francisco, suddenly became a sensation. He started blasting opponents out right and left. Heading eastward, he flattened everybody the promoters could enveigle into the ring with him, and on July 4, 1919, he reached the top of the boxing world by annihilating Jess Willard in Toledo and winning the heavyweight title.

The young man, of course, was Jack Dempsey, and his story is not altogether an unusual one in this trade.

First impressions can often be misleading in boxing. Many a young fighter, apparently endowed with all the natural requisites of a champion, has petered out without realizing on his early promise. On the other hand, many another youngster whose form at the start has been anything but impressive has gone on to eventual stardom. Thus, smart students of boxing have learned from experience that judging futures of fistic hopefuls is a precarious gamble, and that potentiality often is greatest where it is non-apparent at first glance.

Go to a fight club and look over the youthful punchers in the preliminaries. Except in rare instances, it is difficult to pick out any one kid and say: "There he is, a sure champion." It is often the guy who appears to have the least promise in the beginning who slugs his way to the top and grabs the big dough, as time and development shape his destiny.

Now and then a lad comes along who seems slated for an ordinary career. There is nothing outstanding about him. He may even fight for several years without arousing unusual attention. Then, practically overnight, "finds" himself and starts going places.

THERE was the case of Harry Martone, a Jersey City welterweight, who had been fighting nine or ten years and was rated just an average second-stringer. Martone had been a southpaw all those years. Just when it looked as though his ring career was about ended in 1923, Harry suddenly shifted to a right-handed stance, and, bang! he hit the top brackets with a sensational string of knockouts. In the next two years Martone earned more money fighting headliners than he had collected in all his previous fistic existence.

Then, there was Joe Banovic, Binghamton light-heavy. Bingo Joe had been battling on and off for several years on the small-time circuit, and half a dozen managers had taken turns looking after his affairs, but he seemed destined to remain in the five-and-dime class. In 1929, Jersey Jones thought he saw undiscovered possibilities in Banovic and brought him to New York for a systematic course in coaching and training. Bingo Joe's rise was rapid. Within a year he ranked with the world's top light-heavies.

Thirty years ago, in Jersey City, Jack Dempsey polished off Georges Carpentier in boxing's first million-dollar extravaganza. On the preliminary card was a fighter who went practically unnoticed. He had won the A.E.F. light-heavyweight championship in France, but hadn't done anything particularly exciting since his return home, and his style wasn't the sort to arouse the public's enthusiasm. Yet five years later Gene Tunney was to whip Dempsey in Philadelphia and become heavyweight champion of the world.

*Knocked out as Melody Jackson in first pro bout, Henry Armstrong went on to become triple world champion.*

JAY THOMAS, veteran manager, promoter and publicist, tells of the time he toted his Kansas City heavyweight, Hughie Walker, along to Terre Haute, Ind., for a bout with Tom Gibbons. In the gymnasium in Terre Haute, where Walker got in some training licks, Jay noticed a youngster among several working out. The kid made himself known to Thomas. He was a local lad who wanted to fight, but he had no manager and asked Jay to handle him. Thomas looked the lad over but shook his head. He could see no prospects in the skinny, awkward youngster. After the Gibbons fight, Thomas and Walker departed from Terre Haute, leaving the kid behind. Jay later was to regret his snap judgment, for that skinny, awkward kid was Bud Taylor, destined to become world bantamweight champion.

There was another time when Thomas, whose headquarters were then in Kansas City, got a call from a colonel at Forth Leavenworth, Kan., urging him to look over the Army's latest prodigy, a young heavyweight named Slim Haggerty. The

Colonel, a friend of Thomas', was a rabid boxing enthusiast, and forever coming up with new "discoveries."

Almost invariably, when he invited Thomas to see them, they proved complete duds. Jay thought this latest hopeful would be no exception, but, to humor the colonel, he went along to the Fort. Thomas wasn't disappointed. Haggerty was just like the colonel's other "finds." He was knocked out. Thomas returned to Kansas City and completely forgot Slim Haggerty. Several years later Jay was in New York for the Jim Maloney-Jack Delaney bout in Madison Square Garden, which drew a sellout crowd and receipts of $201,613, up to then the largest indoor gate in boxing history. Maloney, a surprise winner over Delaney, proved to be none other than the heavyweight Thomas had seen knocked out in Fort Leavenworth under the name of Slim Haggerty.

THE Broadway Athletic Club in Philadelphia was a popular fight arena in its day. One night in 1913 there was a great deal of interest in a preliminary bout there between two newsboys, who were to settle a feud that had started on a street corner where they claimed rival proprietorship. One of the disputants was named Mickey Brown. He was a lad of some experience in professional fisticuffing. His opponent was a 15-year-old kid who had never before been in the prize ring. Pale and thin, and weighing only 102 pounds, he seemed to be risking injury by fighting an older, stronger and experienced opponent. This scrawny novice managed to go the distance with Brown, but in throwing punches clumsily from an awkward southpaw stance he showed nothing to portend his future achievements in boxing. The kid was Lew Tendler, who rose to fame as one of the great lightweights of all time, and whose two meetings with Benny Leonard for the lightweight title rank with the classics of ring lore.

On the night of July 27, 1931, a hungry little Negro bearing the name of Melody Jackson slipped through the ring ropes at Meyers Bowl, in North Braddock, Pa., to fight a southpaw named Al Iovino in a preliminary bout on a card topped by Teddy Yarosz and Bucky Lawless. The fighter introduced as Melody Jackson was making his professional debut. Iovino swarmed all over him. Left hooks to the body put Jackson down twice in the second round, and another left hook to the midriff dropped him for the full count in the third. None of the ringsiders in Meyers Bowl that night could envision the road to fame and fortune that Jackson was to travel. The name of Melody Jackson was forgotten, but the guy who bore it did become famous—as Henry Armstrong, who wrote glittering ring history by winning the world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight championships within a year.

FIGHT fans in Charleston, S. C., who saw a Navy youngster named Sailor Pulaski knocked out in six rounds one night in 1932, had no inkling they were looking at a future world champion. The boy fighting as Sailor Pulaski was annihilated by LeRoy Brown, a Charleston middleweight. A few years later, after finishing his enlistment in the Navy, Pulaski returned to his home town, Syracuse, N. Y. Taking the name of Eddie (Babe) Risko, he punched his way to the world middleweight title.

Homer Amundsen who operates a gymnasium in Tacoma, Wash., recalls a night in 1928 when he was running weekly amateur cards. On this particular evening one-half of a bout failed to appear. From out of the crowd there emerged a spindly youngster of 15, weighing about 115 pounds. The kid approached Amundsen and asked for the chance to substitute for the missing fighter. Homer obliged, but with no augury as to the kid's future. It would have been difficult for anyone to foresee a championship dynasty for this frail lad, but that was exactly what beckoned. The kid was Freddie Steele, who went on to become world middleweight champion.

Back in 1938 there was a skinny, gaunt-faced youngster roaming about the country, picking up an occasional fight here and there, and losing as many as he won. He was a Texan. He spoke with the native twang, and in his right fist he packed the kick of a Texas mule. But nobody saw unusual fistic possibilities in him until Frank Bachman, manager of Maxie Rosenbloom, spotted him one night. Bachman brought the kid on to New York, but promptly lost him to Hymie Caplin, and under Hymie's wing the skinny Texan became an overnight sensation with his terrific punching. Within a year he had clouted his way into the world lightweight title.

Boxing, indeed, is one trade in which first impressions can often be misleading. The Chump of today often goes on to become the Champ of tomorrow.

## FROM BUENOS AIRES

By Alfredo Porzio

IN BAHIA BLANCA: Putting an end to his extraordinary activities in this part of the world, Archie Moore, 179, with very little effort, K.O.'ed A. Lagay, 200, in the third round.

In Mar del Plata: Antonio Cuevas, 161, beat Dante Pereyra, 163, in a very even fight.

In Rosario: Jose Bolli, beat E. Junco easily.

In San Juan: Miguel Rodriguez, 155, local crack, drew in a furious fight with Rufino Farias, 152.

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On August 25 at Luna Park: Angel Cassano, 177, stopped Enrique Jover, 170, in the sixth round.

In Bahia Blanca: Luis Rosales, 162, beat O. Veron, 155, on points.

In Rosario: The unbeaten local, A. Gregorutti, 146, won on points from Baby Tigre, 145, in ten rounds.

In San Rafael: Another great victory was won by the unbeaten Oscar Montes, 160, over the Chilian Hugo Caro, 164.

In Mar del Plata (Bristol Stadium): Kid Cachetada, 165, won on points over the Uruguayan boxer Francisco Jorge.

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On August 29 at the Luna Park: A fair crowd turned up to see the Spaniard Jose M. Valdez, 139, win on points over V. Mesa, 138. The "Promise" Cucusa Bruno, 127, won over L. Sanchez, 134, who quit in the first.

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On September 1 in Mar del Plata: Ubaldo Pereyra, 162, won in great style over M. Luchetti, 160, by K.O. in the eighth round.

In Comodoro Rivadavia: Putting up a good performance the Spaniard, Manuel Moreno, 160, beat the Chilian Hugo Caro, 162.

In San Juan: Armando Rizzo, 136, drew with the local crack, Federico Guerra, 139.

At Luna Park: A. Senatore, 164, lost to the fast M. Diaz, 160. Ricardo Villanueva, 146, won a hard fight over Hector Coria, 147.

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On September 8 in Bahia Blanca: In a good fight, Dante Pereyra, 162, won on points in ten rounds over the Italian Sergio Imperatori, 158.

In Rio Cuarto: Angel Olivieri, 138, won over Demetrio Flores, 140, who quit in the fifth.

In Caseros: Horacio Salvarezza, 137, won easily over Anibal Disanti, 140.

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At Luna Park: Trying to recover prestige, the Argentine Champion, Ricardo Calichio, 166, showed good form and won by K.O. in the second round over Alamo Medina, 168. Pedro Graciano, 166, beat Juan Di Pasquale, 168, on points.

In Mar del Plata: Dante Nolasco, 155, beat Omar Guarch, who withdrew in the sixth.

In Comodoro Rivadavia: The Chilian A. Miranda, 158, beat the Spaniard M. Moreno, 158, on points in a hard fight.

In Tandil: The Spaniard Rafael Ferro, 144, beat Martin Antuney, who withdrew in the fifth round.

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On September 12 at Luna Park: The unbeaten Luis Rosales, 162, won by K.O. in the third round over Francisco Vidovic, 164. The promising Oscar Aceffe, 146, obtained another good victory, this time over Jose M. Ayola, 148, by K.O. in the first round. Adalberto Ochoa, 145, won an easy fight over Heriberto Altamira, 148. In a stirring battle R. Amaya, 132, won over Francisco Martinez, 133.

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On September 15 at Luna Park: Angel Casano, 178, drew with the Peruvian V. Quiroz, 177. Only four rounds were needed by Ubaldo Pereyra, 163, to stop his opponent, Mateo Ramallo, 157.

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On September 19 at Luna Park: F. Meneses, 134, lost to C. Romero, 133. The star fight of the night was between Hugo Villa, 134, and M. Perez, 134, unbeaten in 15 fights. Arriving at the end of the sixth round Perez completely exhausted had to quit. Without doubt it was a sensational victory obtained by H. Villa who repeated a similar performance at the start of his pro career when he won by T.K.O. in the seventh.

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September 22 at Luna Park: A large crowd was attracted by the reappearance of the notable and valuable middleweight K.O. Lausse, 161, against Aldo Minelli, 158. Lausse won easily on points. He had retired previously for a year. R. Costa, 140, beat O. Astorga, 139, on points.

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In Rosario: A large crowd was present to see Hector Unzuga, 135, win a good fight in ten rounds against Blas Conde, 130.

In Mar del Plata: A. Cuevas, 162, and D. Pereyra, 162, drew in a great fight before a packed house.

In Comodoro Rivadavia: A record gate was recorded at the show in which Dante Nolasco, 158, K.O.'ed the Spaniard, M. Moreno, 158, in the sixth round.

In San Juan: A full house turned up to see the local boy, Federico Guerra, 138, and the Spaniard, Jose M. Valdez, 140, fight. Guerra won.


## MANAGERS, BOXERS, ATTENTION!

We are completing work on the 1952 Ring Record Book.

We have requested managers to send in the 1951 records of their fighters. Few have done so.

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## UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

DANNY NARDICO likes 'em big. He is a firm believer in the adage, "The bigger they they are, the harder they fall." Though Danny failed to plant six feet four inch Georgie Kaplan among the sweet peas, nevertheless the Tampa slugger gave an excellent account of his hefty hitting against the game Brooklyn boy when they met the first time at Miami Beach for Co-Promoters Chris Dundee and Joe Schaeffer, on September 17. Whether Nardico could have scored a knockout is problematical. He was able to send Kaplan to the canvas in the seventh round for a nine count after injuring his right hand in the second on Georgie's elbow and in the fifth. The boys staged one of the best battles seen in this locale and the 2,448 customers, paying $5,770, let them know it. The verdict favored Nardico by a split vote. Referee Eddie Coachman and Judge Will Banks gave it to Danny while Judge Lou Shafkin saw it a draw. The winner, a light-heavyweight, was outweighed by the loser, a heavy, and managed by Jimmy Grippo, by 18 pounds. In a return bout in New York at the St. Nick's, Nardico kayoed Kaplan in the eighth.

Results of the Nardico-Kaplan undercard: Bobby Elliott, of Louisville and Miami, administered a beating to Harry Braelow, courageous localite, and handed Harry his first professional loss. Elliott came out in the opening round and took charge there. He dropped Braelow midway in the first and wrapped up the win in the second round in the eight-round semi. A broken nose, and contusions and lacerations of the forehead was enough and the match was stopped after 22 seconds had gone by. The popular Braelow will be out of action three months at least. Honeychile Whipple was held to a six round draw by Charley Clark. Pablo Rodriguez earned a very close win over Richie Rhodes in an excellent four rounder and that was the initial pro loss for Rhodes. The opening four saw Larry Mann eke out a triumph over Don Winters.

Salute to the 882d Engineer Aviation Battalion in Korea. The lads of this great outfit held a benefit boxing program to raise funds for a hospital housing war orphans and other sick Koreans that were picked up in combat areas. This writer enclosed with his Ring Magazine notes a photo taken by the U.S. Air Force and telephotoed by Acme, showing a half-starved Korean war orphan attended by a ROK (Republic of Korea) nurse. This benefit boxing program is the first held there of any sport for such a cause and the little fellow in the photo was among the many whom 882nd helped by their boxing show.

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Eddie Greene, 160, scored a ten round decision over Lonnie Rutherford, 170, in the main event at Charlotte, N. C., August 30. The ten pound weight advantage carried by Rutherford, meant nothing to Greene. Joe Lassiter, 158, won an eight round semi-final from Roy Wirt, 148. Bob Yantis, 126, kayoed Glenn Norman, 124, in the third round of their bout, and Hal Neely, 195, kayoed Charlie Coppola, 190, in the opening chapter of their mix.

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Jacksonville sends congratulations and best wishes to Robert K. (Bob) Christenberry, top head of Hotel Astor, as new chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. He is a former Jacksonville man and was a member of the Florida Times-Union sports staff years ago.

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Joey Smith, former Jacksonville boxer, writes from Charleston, W. Va., about Noel Humphreys, the lightweight prospect. Smith and his wife Erma are proud of their new addition, Alexis. The little lady has a brother Joe Jr. Joey Sr. is working for Uncle Sam at the Naval Ordnance.

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Billy Scholes, Tampa lightweight, was stopped in the early rounds by Chick Boucher, of Manchester, Conn., in one of the prelims on the Sandy Saddler-Willie Pep featherweight championship card.

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Sammy Stone, one of the leading flyweights in the 20's is now living in Miami Beach.

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Jack Berry, Edmonton, Canada, boxing promoter-matchmaker, is another of the swell fellows who keeps this corner posted on fight doings around his territory. Jack is doing okay way up there and his top card is Georgie Dunn, formerly of Hartford, Conn. Dunn is a featherweight, and a good one.

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To Harry Eagles, boxing manager, San Diego, Calif.: The only regular boxing shows in Florida are Coral Gables, Miami Beach and Miami. Tampa, Sarasota, Miami Beach, Miami and West Palm Beach will stage fights this winter. Major W. H. Peeples Jr. promotes at Coral Gables and has lined up with Jim Norris, International Boxing Club chief, for outside action in Miami. Willie Slater may come up with his Negro boxing programs at Miami's Dorsey Park. Harry Zuckerman is a new promoter in Miami. Chris Dundee and Joe Schaeffer co-promote at Miami Beach. Willie Santanna got off his first show at Tampa's Fort Hesterly Arena and we hear Lou Viscusi will be down in Tampa soon as Santanna's rival at the Fort. Secretary Billy Lee wrote that Sarasota will stage boxing this season. West Palm Beach opens its seasonal boxing shortly. Spot shows may be run in Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, St. Petersburg. That's it, Harry. Thanks for your card.

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Gordon Pouliot, Miami light-heavyweight boxer, is a recent addition to the Magic City Police Department. He is a clean-cut lad, a gentleman, in or out of the ring. Gordon plans on doing some boxing when time permits. Good Luck, Gordy.

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At a recent meeting of the Miami Beach Boxing Commission, Flamen B. Adae was named chairman, and Charles F. Wheeler, vice chairman. Adae is a former president of the National Boxing Association. This column is certain Adae and Wheeler as well as other members of the MB board will continue their fine work to help boxing stay on the high grade it is in the Miami area.

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Trailing on points, Danny Nardico, the young Tampa light-heavyweight whose flailing fists are gaining him attention, earned that much more from New Yorkers when he scored a knockout over Georgie Kaplan, of Brooklyn, in the eighth round at St. Nicholas Arena. Nardico weighed 170¾, and Kaplan, 191.

Georgie looked like he would even the score with Nardico, having lost a ten rounder to the Tampan at Miami Beach only recently. He opened cuts over both of Danny's eyes. But the cuts failed to dim the sights of Danny's guns.

Bob Perkins, Green Cove Springs (Florida) Naval Station middleweight champion in Jacksonville Journal and Navy tournaments, mails word from Gilbraltar that his ship, the USS Oriskany, is heading back for the States. Bob may be back at Green Cove. On ship, where boxing was top sport, Perkins and his pals enjoyed The Ring Magazine and had many boxing discussions.

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Bobby Elliott, the Louisville fireman who also calls Miami home, turned on the heat in the closing rounds to snatch a ten round decision from Marcel Brisebois at Miami Beach, October 3. The Chris Dundee-Joe Schaeffer feature, attracting 2,429 fans, ended the French-Canadian's three straight wins in this vicinity and gave Elliott his first main event triumph in a little more than a year.

Brisebois sounded off as if to annex his fourth consecutive, particularly in the third round when he had Bobby in trouble with head and body shots. But Bobby snapped back as he did several times in the fight, and overcame the early deficit. Marcel fought in spots. He didn't perform as well as in previous bouts. And too, he was guilty of much fouling tactics, which Elliott joined him. Referee Billy Regan must have been a busy man in there. Bobby outpunched his man, about three-to-one and Marcel scored the most damaging blows.

Results of the Elliott-Brisebois undercard: Avoracado "Battleship" Martinez, of Cuba, celebrated his U.S. entry by holding Sonny Luciano to an eight round draw. Richie Rhodes won a sixer from Jose Diaz, while Jack Batson TKO'ed Frank Plaske in the third, and Jimmy Morris decisioned Curtis Moore in a four rounder.

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Willie Santanna, former Tampa trainer, has turned fight promoter. His first card, at Fort Hesterly Arena, drew a crowd of 2,000 to watch Billy Brown, of Jacksonville, combat Chico Pacheco, of Miami. Brown won a close tenner over the aggressive Chico in the main event, while Johnny Kilday, of Jacksonville, dropped an eight rounder to Chief Crazy Horse in the semi. Santanna hasn't sent in his report yet but the entire results will be carried in our next column.

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To John Spitzer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Your mail and news are splendid and many thanks for your help. Hope to keep in touch with you.

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Split decisions with scores far apart present one of the problems confronting boxing today, according to Nat Loubet, associate Editor of The Ring Magazine. This could be corrected by commissions holding periodic classes and testing their officials to see that they possess the necessary qualifications as well as understanding of their responsibilities and how they are to be followed out.

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Please send in all boxing reports, news and results to this corner before the fifth of each month. Southern news is welcome. Would also appreciate boxing news from the world over to be used in our Jacksonville Journal boxing column, Ringside News. Fighters who are not under management wanting to show in Florida or where we have contacts can do well by writing Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida, or Sports Department, Jacksonville Journal, Jacksonville, Florida.

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Salute to the heroic 23rd Regiment, United States 2nd Division, in Korea. Here are the men who battled for Heartbreak Ridge and finally after terrific losses, took it after numerous exchanges. The real fight for some of these men came not with guns or other types of weapons. It came when they had to use their fists.

A report that is being sent to The Ring Magazine office, tells how two of our men were killed fighting off a communist attack with their bare fists. Another scene finds elements of the 23rd Regiment being hit by a counter-communist attack, in which part of Company C was overrun. The last they were seen, two of the C-men were fighting the commies with their fists. The other men of Company C saw their buddies in the tangle and infuriated, retook the ground. Their pals had been killed.

These men, un-named in the reports, are providing Uncle Sam with a lesson he should never let go. Our servicemen must have that physical training and athletics. They must be trained in fisticuffs. Boxing should be a must in all programs for hand-to-hand clashes.

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Here's several more boxing fans we enjoy correspondence with: Miss Phyllis Durham, William Robinson and Richard Futter, our pal and boxing writer whom we haven't heard from in some time. Good boxing material reaches here from our friends in England.

You'll have to admire Jimmy Parks, manager of Bobby Dykes, Miami's welterweight-middleweight contender, for his loyalty to the Magic City. Seems Jimmy is peeved when Bobby is acclaimed from San Antonio on boxing cards and programs. Bobby's and Jimmy's home was S.A. at a time but the two have been living in Miami for several years and they want it known as such. It's Bobby Dykes, from Miami, here-on.

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Nat Fleischer's 1952 Ring Record Book is now in preparation. He requests names, addresses and phone numbers of all managers, promoters and matchmakers. The managers are asked to send in records of their fighters, names, dates, weights, results of the fights and locality of each bout. Either send to The Ring Magazine, Madison Square Garden Arcade, New York City, N. Y., or this corner.

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## SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Less Huffman

A CROWD of more than 3,000 hungry fight fans welcomed pro boxing to Warren, Ohio, on the 29th of August. The initial bout brought together Sonny Horne, Niles, Ohio, and Lalu Sabotin, the pride of northern Ohio, in a ten-round scrap that sent the fans home talking about more fights for Warren.

Sabotin gave an impressive performance by winning over Horne, and also having the Niles battler on the canvas a couple times. However, Horne gave plenty opposition to Sabotin and the fight was far from being a one-sided scrap. Time after time the fans got to their feet when the two gladiators traded punch for punch. Sabotin outpunched Horne all the way and his rapier-like jabs kept Horne off balance a lot. He rocked the Niles battler several times throughout the scrap. Referee Tony Zill and judge Joe Imburgia gave Sabotin all ten rounds.

In the semi-final Jimmy Sanders kayoed Akron's Tiger Jackson in the 3rd heat. Sanders showed his old form when he tore into Jackson from the opening bell and floored him for an eight count in the second stanza. He then rushed from his corner in the third heat and finished off Jackson with a flurry of punches that sent Jackson down and in bad shape. Jackson was in no shape to continue. Tommy Salem, good-looking featherweight of Cleveland, gained a T.K.O. over Baby Sam, Warren, Ohio, in the second heat. Salem, a former Golden Gloves champ, displayed a sharp left hand and threw punches all over the Warren scrapper. Baby Sam received a bad cut optic in the second heat, and the referee stopped the scrap in favor of Salem.

World's light-heavyweight champion Joey Maxim served as a guest referee and awarded a T.K.O. to Don Alderson, Canonsburg, Pa., after 2:12 of the fourth heat of his bout with Warren's John Catanas. Nicky Nakon, Cleveland Golden Gloves amateur champ, made his first pro start a win. He finished off his opponent, Ray Felds, Washington, Pa., in the fourth heat.

The promoters are planning on shows every other week throughout the winter months.

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The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Association at Toledo, Ohio, are planning on sending a delegate to New York City to contact various parties that could approve a bout between Archie Moore of Toledo, Ohio, and Bob Murphy. Ray Kest, one-time boxing commissioner for the city of Toledo, is anxious to make the bout for a Christmas fund show for his organization. Kest stated that an automobile dealer in Toledo who is a steady contributor to amateur and professional sports promotions in Toledo, has offered to underwrite the show for $20,000 if he can be assured the main event performers, Moore and Murphy, would sign for a respectable figure.

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Noel Humphreys who waded through all the amateur featherweights in West Virginia then turned pro and won 13 bouts, met a Tartar in Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La., at New Orleans. Dupas was given a unanimous decision over the mountain fighter in eight heats. Dupas, who is only 17 years of age, was the master throughout the scrap. With a world of speed and a fast left hand, he soundly thrashed the Charleston, W. Va., featherweight.

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Marvin "Atomic" Mercer, the television star, had his hands full against Johnny Demchuck when he was given the duke over the latter in a wild cheering bout. 4,000 wrestling fans were on hand for the show. Frankie Talaber, a favorite here in Columbus, defeated Whitey Walberg in the semi-final bout. Eva Lee bested Mae Young in a girl match, and Luther Lindsey gained his second triumph in a row in less than three minutes by slamming Paul Orth in 2.10.

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Clarence (Buddy) Lair, an outstanding amateur Golden Glover here in Toledo two seasons ago, is recovering from wounds received in Korea. Confined to the Naval Hospital for nearly a year, Lair is now mending at Mare Island. Buddy is a Marine staff sergeant. His brother Eddie is also in the Marines at Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C. Larry McCartney who threw a lot of gloves for the Police and Fire gymnasium team in last year's Golden Gloves tournament, is doing right well at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Larry, in his first start in the service, stopped his opponent in the first heat.

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The U.S. Naval Air Station in Columbus, Ohio, has an outstanding wrestling team, consisting of Leonard Kruse, Art Lang, Jim Prickett, Al DeAngelis, Bill Lowry and Bob Franklin. This team has been entertaining at veterans hospitals the past few months and are well liked.

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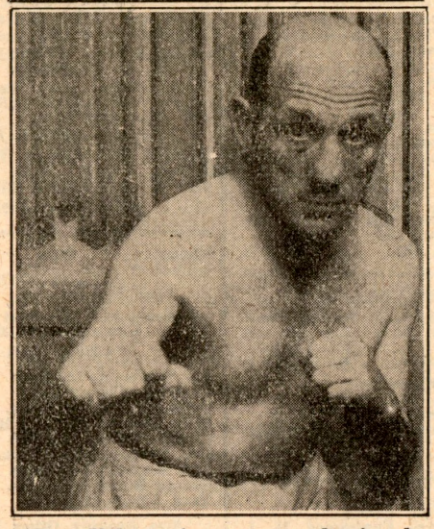
Heavyweight Joe Walcott and his manager were fined $200 by the Indiana State Boxing Commission for failure to show up at Evansville, Indiana, for a four-round exhibition on August the 29th.

## WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW? NO. 4



*Dom Volante, former contender for the world's featherweight crown, is still remembered, both in the States and his native England, for his popular, aggressive style of fighting.*

*During his twenty-one years he met and beat some of the best in the business, among them three British champs. Johnny Cuthbert, the Sheffield Blade, whom Dom had previously won over, edged him for the featherweight title. He fought the great Nel Tarleton four times, each a thriller.*

*In 1929 he scored a seven-round knockout over Vincent Cerdan, brother of the late Marcel, middleweight champion of the world. With fourteen straight victories that year he came to the States and in nine fights against top notch feathers, won eight and drew in one.*

*His first fight here saw him stop Herman Wallace in six. A vicious ten-round draw at Madison Square Garden followed. Volante beat him in a return. Johnny McAvoy, who refereed, called it the greatest battle he had ever seen.*

*Volante still manages to keep in shape though he has been out of ring action for a good many years. He is the gym instructor aboard Cunard Line's luxury liner Britannic, a job which enables him to take daily workouts.*

*A great infighter and a believer in slugging prowess, Volante had a marvelous knockout record. On one occasion in 1932, at Barnsley, England, he stopped his opponent in 20 seconds and when he reached his dressing room it occurred to him that the customers might feel cheated by the short contest. So he returned to the ring with a mouth organ and gave a concert for what would have been the remaining nine rounds.*

*Volante always aimed to please.*

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Nat Moll and Eddie Yarosz are still trying to get bouts for their welterweight, Bobby Neal. A hard puncher, opponents seem to turn thumbs down on the classy kid from Monaco, Pa.

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Ollie Oelgoetz, hard-working Columbus sports figure, has been elected for the third time as president of the Central District AAU Commission. Oelgoetz takes an active part in all functions of the group and in the past has been instrumental in the successful operation of numerous amateur sports events.

Nick Barrack, who was named secretary treasurer at the annual election, is another important figure in the organization. Barrack is also the recreation director of the city playgrounds in Columbus, Ohio.

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The Neighborhood House boxing team will resume their weekly training period at 6:30 every week in its own gymnasium, getting ready for this year's Golden Glove tournament. A large number of last year's team is now in the service, but Lorenzo Pack, Charley Littlefield, Joe Johnson, Ray Burton, Johnny Williams and General Jefferson are still with the club. At present the roster consists of 26 battlers.

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Archie Moore, the Toledo, Ohio, light-heavyweight who is the outstanding contender for that division title, said that he would like to have a crack at the title held now by Joey Maxim. Moore, who gave Harold Johnson a neat lacing, having him on the verge of being stopped several times, was told by the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission that if Maxim would not make preparations to meet Moore they would just give him (Maxim) 30 days to think it over, then he will only be the champion in 47 states. Moore cut his opponent to ribbons, and only in the fourth round did Johnson catch Moore with anything that looked like a good punch. In this round Johnson caught Moore flush on the chin with a straight right hand that shook Moore up, but did not slow him down any. After the fight it was noticed that Johnson was bleeding from the mouth, nose and over the eye. Moore unloaded a succession of rights and lefts that had Johnson groggy after the bout. About the only thing that could be said for Johnson—that he was game to the core, and stayed in and tried to make a fight of it. The loudest noise of the night was let out when one of the judges called the fight a draw, giving each fighter five rounds. The other judge voted 6-3-1 in favor of Moore, and the referee, Zach Clayton, called it 5-4-1 in favor of Moore. 4,653 fans paid a gross of $13,653 to watch the scrap.

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Frankie Talaber spoiled the Northwestern University star's comeback bid for the heavyweight championship here in the Middle West when he was pinned in 33.33 minutes in the bout. Ruffy Silverstein took a 30-minute decision from Maurice Roberre, Tommy O'Toole upset Ivan Rasputin via the disqualification, and Luther Lindsey made Jim Lewis give up in 8:05 minutes in another match. Wrestling seems to be going right along, drawing good houses every place here in the Middle West. 3,811 fans attended the bouts.

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Until next month so long. Send all notes and clippings to me by the first of the month, Less Huffman, P.O. Box 611, Station G. Columbus, Ohio.

## MINNESOTA NEWS

By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM: Jack Raleigh staged a heavyweight card for the fans in the St. Paul Auditorium. In the main event Jack Herman, 217, Chicago, suffered a severely cut eye in the first round with Jack Lester, 186, Indianapolis. Herman was being billed up for a main event spot on a later card. The bout was scheduled for six rounds.

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Bob Johnson, Detroit, 202, outpointed Dave Ragus, 183, Milwaukee, in six rounds. Bill Noble, 189, Omaha, knocked out Pat Lane, 183, St. Paul, in four rounds. Ronnie Wolf, 194, Cincinnati, outpointed John Hardy, 196, Milwaukee, in four rounds.

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The best fight on the card Milt Rickun, 177, Green Bay, outpointed LaVerne Cole, 185, St. Paul, in four rounds. Gene Thompson, 185, St. Paul, and Bill Davis, 189, Indianapolis, drew in four rounds. Don Evans, 182, Indianapolis, outpointed Buddy Roettger, 183, Stillwater, Minn., in four rounds.

Jack Hoag, 164, San Francisco, knocked out Walter Flynn, 164, St. Paul, in two rounds. Al Adams, 185, Detroit, and Walter Dilley, 186, Milwaukee, drew in four rounds.

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Tony Stecher is busy lining up his professional cards for the coming season. He will feature Del Flanagan and Jackie Graves.

Emmett Weller, proprietor of the Weller's Gym in St. Paul, is opening his classes for the amateurs again this season. The St. Paul team last year won the Northwest Team championship and has over 50 amateur boxers working out daily. This was the first year for a long time that the St. Paul won the team championship and was due to the training they received at the St. Paul gymnasium.

Bill Hart, former sparring partner of Tommy Gibbons when he boxed Jack Dempsey, is now on the fire department and wrestling on all the cards around the northwest. Wild Bill he was known as when he was boxing because he threw a right hand from right field. He never knew where it would land but when it hit an opponent they were out for the evening. Bill is now 53 and in wonderful condition for an athlete his age.

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## COVERING PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

GIL TURNER, Philadelphia's top welterweight, scored another sensational victory at Shibe Park here at the expense of former lightweight champion, Ike Williams, when he stopped the former champion in the last and tenth round, in an exciting, vicious battle. The 20-year-old Philadelphian had his veteran opponent holding on the ropes, although Williams thought the referee should not have stopped it as the fight had 28 seconds to go. In scoring his 24th consecutive victory and 21st KO as a professional, Turner helped to attract the largest house of the year in this city. In the past three months, he scored knockouts over Beau Jack and Charley Fusari.

Gaetano Annaloro, 124, Paris, decisioned Filberto Osario, 125, New York; Santa Bucca, 140, Philadelphia, scored over Al Mouzon, 145, New York; Harold Moore, 159, Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy Franklin, 157, Philadelphia, and Jimmy Washington, 155, Philadelphia, decisioned Jimmy Brown, 154, Philadelphia, in preliminaries.

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Archie Moore, 174½ St. Louis, won a 10-round decision over Harold Johnson, 174, Philadelphia, at the Arena, in the opening of Herman Taylor's indoor season. He won by unanimous decision although Referee Zach Clayton scored it 5-4-1 and Judge Knaresborough tallied five rounds each and gave the verdict to Archie on the strength of a "big" ninth round, Judge Lou Tress by 6 to 3 and 1 even. It was a good fight throughout and many had Johnson out in front in the first half of the bout, but Moore came along in the later rounds to win. On the strength of the victory, Moore will be recognized as the No. 1 challenger by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission in which they ruled that Maxim would be ordered to accept a title defense within six months.

In other bouts: Frankie Sodano, 127, Philadelphia featherweight, won in eight rounds over Hermie Freeman, 130½, Bangor, Maine. It was the 39th straight victory for Sodano, who has won 40 of his 42 pro fights.

Al Hauser, 144½, Philadelphia, technically knocked out Manuel Gonzales, 150½, Paterson, N. J., in the fourth round.

Jimmy Dockery, 161, Chester, floored Billy Gordon, 160½, Philadelphia, for a count of eight in the fifth, but lost the eight-round decision.

In the four-rounders: Henry Brown, 123, polished off Kid Bundy, 117, in the first round; Bill Black, 175, stopped Luther Chambers, 166, in the second round. All are from Philadelphia.

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ALLENTOWN, PA.—Johnny Saxton, 143½, New York, stopped Tommy Ciarlo, 146, game Waterbury, N. Y. boy, in the fifth round at the Fair Grounds under the promotion of Pep Barone.

Headlining was the appearance of Jersey Joe Walcott, the world's heavyweight champion, who boxed a bristling four-round exhibition with Jackie Burke, of Pittsburgh, after the main bout.

Saxton, regarded by many as the best fighter in the world today for his weight, found a game and willing boxer in Ciarlo, but wore down the game Waterbury veteran who only last December fought a draw with Kid Gavilan.

Agostinho Guedes, Palmerton heavyweight, knocked out Charlie White, Philadelphia, in the first round. Ike Lewis, 154, Bethlehem, knocked out Paul Gornick, 158, Allentown, in the first; Al Mozon, 147, Baltimore, won a six-round decision over Perry Gibson, 148, New Orleans; and Frankie Allotta, 148, Allentown, stopped Clarence Jones, 148, Philadelphia, in the first round.

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Dan Bucceroni, 183, Philadelphia, scored a technical knockout over Agostinho Guedes, 181, Palmerton, in the fifth round. In the semi-final, Coley Wallace, 203, New York, knocked out Billy Sawyer, 201, Philadelphia, in the second round.

In scheduled fours Irish Mike Ward, 126, Philadelphia, stopped Lou Brown, 123, Philadelphia, in the second round; Johnny Donaldson-128, Philadelphia, decisioned Dick Abrams, 134, Allentown; and Ira Steele, 148½, Philadelphia, Frankie Allotta, 144, Allentown.

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Johnny Saxton, 144, New York, stopped Gaby Ferland, 146, of Montreal, in the seventh round. Ferland fought in flashes, but Saxton was far ahead at the finish. Agostinho Guedes, Palmerton, heavyweight, knocked out Joe Wilson, of Philadelphia, in the second round. Irish Mike Ward, 126, Philadelphia, won a six-round decision over Ike Wilson, 126, Philadelphia; Ike Lewis, 156, Bethlehem, won over Perry Gibson, 150½, Philadelphia, in six, and Ted Queen, 136, Philadelphia, won over James Wilson, 136, Reading.

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TOPPI STADIUM—Joe Giardello, 154½, Philadelphia, scored a unanimous decision over Otis Graham, 160, Philadelphia, in the eight-round windup. The veteran Graham scored the only knockdown when he dropped his foe with a body blast in the third round. Giardello's best weapon was his left hook used both to the body and the head.

In the six-round semi-windup, Charlie Spicer, 145, technically knocked out Jesse Gethers, 144, in the third round of an all-Philadelphia bout. All boxers in the preliminaries were Philadelphians. In six rounds, Tony Cocco, 121, decisioned Little Beau, 118. In four-rounders, Johnny Calcinore, 182, knocked out Freddy Robinson, 172½, in the fourth; Silent Billy Jones, 132, outpointed Ted Queen, 135; Curt Brooks, 170, technically knocked out George Watson, 166, in the third.

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Sandy Saddler, 130, New York, technically knocked out Hermie Freeman, 134, Bangor, Me., in the fifth round, at Toppi Stadium. Referee Charley Daggert stopped the fight in the fifth round when it became obvious that the Maine youth had weakened rapidly and had nothing left.

Jimmy Franklin, 158, defeated Harold Moore, 158½, both Philadelphians, in six rounds. In all-Philadelphia preliminaries, Bobby Griffin, 149½; TKO'd Eddie McBroom, 150, in the third; Jimmy Fisher, 145, KO'd Johnny Rodgers, 142½, in the first, and Jimmy Ayres, 176½, KO'd Mike Bernardo, 230, in the third. In the opening bout, Red Archie, 151½, KO'd Charley Richards, 152½, of the first.

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South Philadelphia's Joe Giardello won his second Toppi Stadium fight and his 49th in 52 starts over Johnny Noel, 158, Brooklyn, in the windup of eight rounds. Giardello carried the attack throughout the fight. Noel appeared to be a counterfighter and did little of that except in flurries.

In the all-Philadelphia semi-windup of six rounds, Billy Whye, 146, decisioned Jetson Arnold, 143½, in a mild upset. Whye piled up a big early lead and stood off Arnold's late attacks.

In the preliminary six-rounder, Billy Davis, 130½, outpointed Earl Hilton, 126½; and in the fours, Tony Beltrante, 118, drew with Ike Wilson, 120; Jimmy Carlini, 144, knocked out Ducky Willis, 149½, and Silent Billy Jones, 126, KO'd Tony Carlini, 129. All are Philadelphians and the Carlinis are brothers.

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Marvin Edelman, 161, Philadelphia, won an eight-round unanimous decision over North Philadelphia's Herman McCray, 152, in a sizzling bout which marked the opening of the indoor season at the Met. Edelman used roundhouse rights and lefts throughout the bout. McCray tried unsuccessfully to hold Edelman with left hooks but fell back by Edelman's swings.

In the all-Philadelphia middleweight semi-final bout, Harold Collier, 163, technically knocked out Joe Bonadies, 156½, in the fourth round. Calvin Wilson, 189½, Philadelphia, stopped Bobby Pinkart, 181, Atlantic City, in the first. Jimmy Carlini, 147½, knocked out Tommy McElveen, 147½, in the first round. In the other two all-Philadelphia four-round bouts, Leonard Jefferson, 148, decisioned Elwood Davis, 137½, and Johnny Calcinore, 179, outpointed Bob Warren, 177½.

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Gil Turner, 143, Philadelphia, contender for the welterweight title, decisioned Jimmy DeCerio, 146, Norristown, Pa., in feature eight-round bout at the Convention Hall, Atlantic City.

It was the second time the Norristown lad went the distance with Turner. Georgie Benton, 151, Philadelphia, TKO'd Buddy Newly, 151, Newark, N. J., in the second round; Frankie Kid Anslem, 141, Philadelphia, decisioned Early Priestly, 139, Pleasantville, N. J., in six; Cortez Jackson, 124, Philadelphia, stopped Don Welch, 120, Newark, N. J., in the second round; Henry Brown, 120, Philadelphia, knocked out Arturo Ciao, 125, Atlantic City, in the third round; Stoke Thomas, 134, New York, and Gus Davis, 131, Philadelphia, fought a four-round draw.

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Rocky Jones, 175½, Chester, continued his winning ways in the Chester ring as he decisioned Jimmy Rouse, 188, New York, in the eight-round windup at Lloyd Field.

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Jimmy Spence, 145, Chester, knocked out Steve Coles, 137½, Philadelphia, in the third round. Mike Ward, 126, Philadelphia, decisioned Silent Billy Jones, 126, Philadelphia, in another six-rounder. In two scheduled four-round bouts, Bob Warren, 175, Chester, decisioned Pennie Harrison, 181, Philadelphia, and Tiger White, 159, Philadelphia, TKO'd Gomez Gordy, 162, Chester, in the first round.

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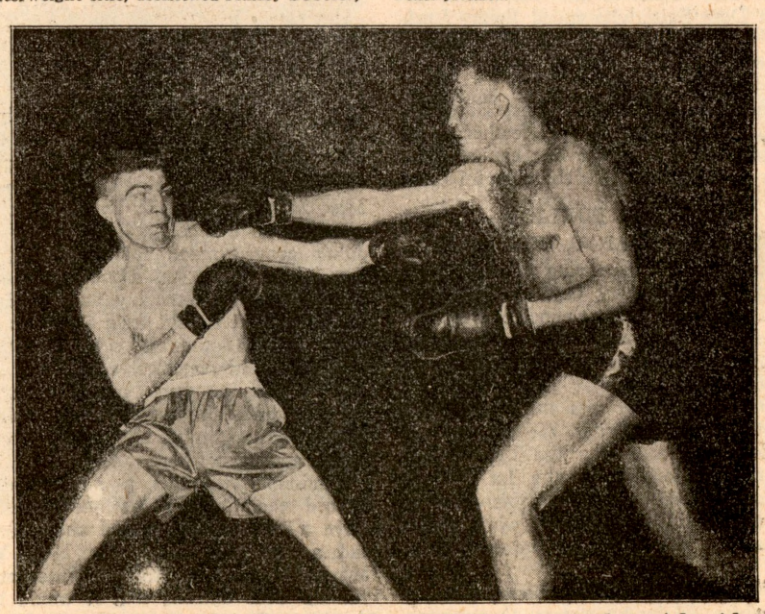

*Charley Humez (right), French holder of the European welterweight title, continues along the winning way by successfully defending his laurels against the Belgian challenger, Emile Delmaine, in Paris. Humez won by a knockout when the bout was stopped in the seventh round.*

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## NEW FACES

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his most recent start, he lambasted the highly-touted Italian visitor, Alfredo La-Grutta, at the St. Nick Arena.

### JOEY CAM

LITTLE Joey Cam, product of Boston, Mass., after 25 pro fights—he's won 24 of them—became the New England featherweight champion. The 20-year-old Cam gained the title recently by stopping Bernie Murray, the champion of Maine, in the ninth round.

Cam is a clever little boxer, who possesses a talented left and combines it with a good right-hand punch.

Managed by his brother, Nuno, he entered the professional ranks without the benefit of any amateur experience and was a hit from the start.

He holds wins over Roger Lessard, Bob Fenty, Ray Castillo, and has twice defeated Dom Saia, who ended Sonny Luciano's win streak in Providence. His only loss was to Gene Robnett, which was a split decision.

A neighbor of Joey's in East Boston is Sal Bartola, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, who feels the boy cannot miss, which is high praise for the colorful Cam.

### GORDON POULIOT

GORDON POULIOT, Wadena, Minn., is a rapidly improving young heavyweight. A tall, rangy boy, he hits hard with a right, but his best punch is a smashing left hook. He has an interesting style which sees him moving continually.

Pouliot started boxing at the Chicago C.Y.O. in 1944, and was the city heavyweight finalist that year. He entered the Marine Corps and won the light-heavyweight championship of the 1st Marine Division in 1945. He won Golden Gloves titles in 1947, 1948 and 1949 while living at Wadena, Minn., where he was born July 11, 1928.

In all, he had 61 amateur bouts, winning 47 of them, 24 by knockouts. On moving to Chicago he turned pro and in his first bout scored a one-round knockout. Gordon was undefeated in his first ten bouts and then dropped a split six-round decision to Hal Boylston in Florida, where he did most of his campaigning in 1950.

He has had 24 professional fights and has lost only four of them. Oddly enough, three of those defeats were handed out by Hal Boylston. He has boxed one draw and won the remainder, nine of them by knockouts.

## NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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round, decided Sands was too dangerous to trifle with, and the bout developed into a slow, mauling sort of affair. There was no logical reason to anticipate an improved brand of action.

DESPITE his not too exciting exhibition, Sands did display some excellent qualities, those that enabled him to gain many supporters in England. He is well-grounded in the fundamentals of boxing, and has a neat, smooth style. He moves around well, knows how to box, has a good assortment of "combinations," and is always in position to hit from any angle with either hand.

The main criticism of the Australian, in his showing against Olson, was his apparent lack of "fire." There was little viciousness in his work. He was too mechanical and lethargic, and fought just enough to win.

The visiting menage, which also includes Trainer Joe Ruggero, is not discouraged by the not too impressive beginning of its American campaign. As a matter of fact, Sands has invited his wife to come on from Australia, and plans to remain here indefinitely, with New York as his base of operations.

"We came to America with one end in mind—a crack at Ray Robinson and the world championship," says Maguire. "To earn that match, we are prepared to fight anybody and everybody who means anything in the middleweight division. Once Dave gets himself fully acclimated and adjusted to conditions here, you'll see a much better fighter than the one in Chicago. A poor beginning often leads to a great finish, you know."

WHEN Hein ten Hoff defeated Jack Gardner in Berlin to win the European heavyweight crown, he brought to Germany the first such championship since Max Schmeling won it. Unfortunately the victor is no Schmeling hence his triumph didn't arouse much interest in international boxing circles. But he is the best heavyweight in Germany and in Europe and as such he should get a chance to show his wares in other parts of the world, particularly in America.

The war has been over for a long time. When Hein ten Hoff made his last visit to the States, he was prevented from appearing here. The New York Commission, through a subterfuge, informed the German that he would receive a license if he could show that he had a contract to fight in New York, but made it clear to the International Boxing Club officials that it would be in the best interests of all concerned not to book him. Col. Eagan feared a riot because of warnings that had been sent to the IBC and the Commission. Thus the German spent many weeks here in idleness and then returned to his native land.

Now that he has won the European title, the ban on him in all probability will be lifted in England where he has not been permitted to fight, because if the British have any hopes of regaining the crown, Jack Solomons or some other promoter will have to toss aside personal feelings and offer a contract to Hein ten Hoff.

According to the ringside reports from British scribes and from our own correspondent, J. R. Tree, the German's performance and that of the defending champion, Gardner, were mediocre.

### CANADIAN TOPICS
By Lawson Bampton

ARMAND SAVOIE, 134½, hard-hitting youngster from Montreal's Griffintown district, won the Canadian lightweight crown by gaining an unpopular split decision over Toronto's Solly Cantor, 135, in their twelve-round bout at the Montreal Forum before 5,238 fans who contributed to a gross gate of $14,694.25. The bout was sanctioned as a title tilt since Arthur King vacated it by becoming a U.S.A. citizen. . . . A mighty smart move by King, says we.

Judge Rene Ouimet voted for Cantor 6-4-2 but the other two judges called Savoie. Eight of ten scribes tabbed Cantor as the winner and most of the fans as well, judging by the prolonged jeering after the verdict was announced. Even Savoie, a sportsmanlike lad, declared later that he was lucky. However, those who saw Savoie as the victor insisted that his much harder punching more than nullified Cantor's superiority in boxing and his plentiful but feather-like punches.

Savoie started strong, seemed on the road to an easy victory, then Cantor took command in the sixth right through to the 11th. Savoie staged a tigerish display in the final stanza, taking it on sheer aggressiveness though Cantor was never in real distress. Now it is up to Toronto promoters to give Solly another crack at the crown. It was their third clash, the first two in Toronto being divided with Savoie taking the first by an eight round T.K.O. and Cantor scoring a clean-cut verdict in the second tussle.

Quebec's Fernando Gagnon, Canadian bantam champion, 119¼, had little trouble with Myril Olmstead, Springfield, 124, before flattening him in 1.29 of the third of a scheduled ten-round semi-final. Slugging Bryan Kelly, Toronto, 140½, got the range on Aime Gauthier, Montreal, 141, in the sixth round, floored him for a nine-count with a long right to the jaw, and the referee wisely halted it at the 2.14 mark when Gauthier arose, as it was obvious that the game Montrealer was out on his feet.

Noel Paquette, 138, Montreal, was too strong and heavy for Dave Mitchell, 131, Toronto, in a six-rounder. Buddy Mitchell, 122, Montreal, staged a final round rally to earn a four-round draw with Emile Lamarche, 121¾. Dexter Connors, 129, promising Halifax lad, was the smarter and sharper puncher to score over Montreal's Bobby Dufour, 132¼, in the four-round opener. Dufour, a good looking prospect a year ago, seems to be deteriorating rapidly. He was hospitalized for a long time with a bad knee injury and may improve in time.

Stray Shots . . . Roy Wouters, Canadian middleweight champ, and Rocky Brisebois, rising welter, in Miami at this writing awaiting action lined up by Willie Ketchum, who hooks them in the States for Manager Rene Chauvin. . . . Cheerio till next month.

## Sitting It Out

Lala Landoni, Argentine boxer, recently had a ringside seat at a bout in which he was knocked out.

In a fight held at Mar del Plata, Argentine, Antonio Cuevas knocked Landoni through the ropes with a body blow. Landoni fell out of the ring into a convenient empty seat and sat there while the referee counted ten.

# GERMANY MUST END BAD VERDICTS

## WISE TO ADOPT E.B.U. SCORING SYSTEM

***Wally Thom lucky to win Welterweight Title, but he has right idea—Algar Smith wants crack at new champion—Cockell has the "killer" spirit, but needs to show respect for Joey Maxim—Jack Goldswain, British Lightweight Champion 45 years ago, is fighting for his sight—Boxing lends a friendly hand to Mac Joachim in his darkest hour—Don't treat Sugar Ray Robinson's threat to retire too seriously—Willie Armstrong latest Middleweight sensation.***

**by JAMES BUTLER**

FOR two or three years now the Germans have been appealing to come back into the world boxing market. After a great deal of opposition in America, France and Britain, the Germans finally were re-admitted to the European Boxing Union which meant that officially they could compete in all European title fights, and world championship contests would follow automatically for those German boxers who cleaned up all opposition in Europe.

So far so good. But there are still many boxing folk in America, Britain and France who have not yet forgiven Germany over the racial persecution that went on not so many years ago. With the result that leading promoters like Jack Solomons are more than hesitating about inviting German boxers to England for fear of the cry that might be set-up by the Jewish section who patronise big fights. I understand in spite of the E.B.U. decision to end the ban on the Germans, the controlling boxing body in France will not yet allow promoters to engage boxers from their former enemies.

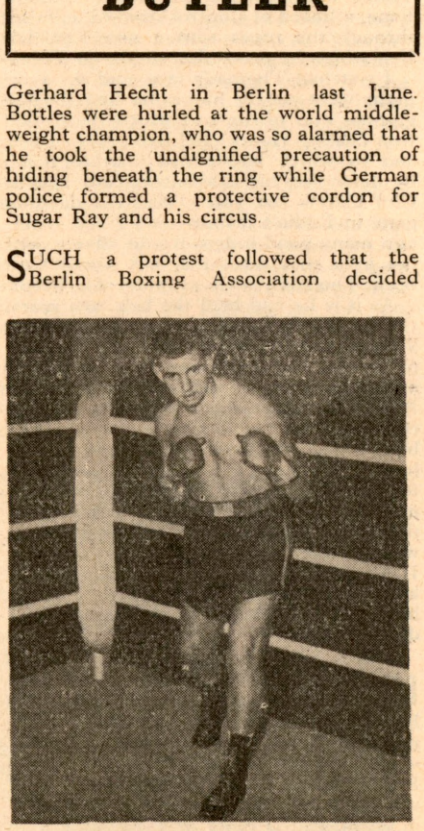
Britain has gone as far as sending boxers to take part in contests in Berlin and Dortmund, and, in fact, Jack Gardner gave Hein ten Hoff, the German heavyweight champion, a crack at his European title, and ten Hoff took opportunity in both hands by relieving Big Jack of the European crown.

So I asked Jack Solomons if he was now prepared to bring ten Hoff into London in order that Gardner might get a chance to regain this lost championship for Britain, but I gathered from the London promoter's evasive reply that the time was not yet ripe for him to engage Germans in Britain.

So we find ourselves in a most awkward position. It more or less means right now that if any British fighters are called on to defend their European titles against Germans they will have to do so in Berlin, Dortmund, Hamburg or some other big city because promoters in Britain are not too happy about staging such a fight here.

Already the European Boxing Union is pressing for Don Cockell to defend his European light-heavyweight title against Connie Rux, the German champion. Now this brings me to a most disturbing situation that has arisen in German boxing circles. First there was the case of Sugar Ray Robinson being disqualified for use of a kidney punch in the first round against Gerhard Hecht in Berlin last June. Bottles were hurled at the world middleweight champion, who was so alarmed that he took the undignified precaution of hiding beneath the ring while German police formed a protective cordon for Sugar Ray and his circus.

SUCH a protest followed that the Berlin Boxing Association decided next day to declare the decision of the referee void, and announced the fight to be "No Contest." This, of course, clearly showed how unsatisfactory is the state of refereeing in Germany, because one of the soundest rules in the fight game is that the referee's decision must be final—even should that official make a mistake. Robinson told me when he came to London he certainly would never box in Germany again—not at least until the standard of refereeing improves.



*JOHNNY WILLIAMS*

*The young Rugby heavyweight gave a boxing lesson to Heinz Neuhaus of Dortmund, in the German boxer's home-town, but the verdict which shocked even the friends of Neuhaus was a draw, and Ted Broadribb, Williams's manager, was entitled to shout "We wuz robbed!"*

More recently we had the case of Johnny Williams, the young Rugby heavyweight, going to Dortmund and giving a boxing lesson to Heinz Neuhaus, a local boy, for eight out of ten rounds, only for the judges to declare the contest to be drawn. Even angry Dortmunders whistled and hooted what they considered to be an unsporting decision by the judges.

Ted Broadribb, manager of Williams, was so cross about the whole business that he declared to me on his return to London: "There was no question that Johnny did not streak this fight, and I feel so disgusted that I shall not allow another boxer under my management to fight in Germany again unless some effort is made to get the authorities over there to fall in line with E.B.U. conditions of points scoring, because under the system by which the judges declared that Neuhaus was not beaten by Williams there isn't a British boxer who can possibly win a fight in Germany—unless he can knockout his opponent."

Well, when you listen to international boxing characters like Robinson and Broadribb threatening to boycott any offers to box in Germany, there must be something seriously wrong with post-war pugilism in that country.

The Germans have been pleading with us by all sorts of soft-soaping to fraternise at boxing once more. Well, it is up to them to end a state of affairs that is antagonising the rest of the boxing world. What about it Germany?

I am delighted to learn that the Federation of German Professional Boxers has decided to abolish the German points system and introduce the international system of the European Boxing Union from January 1, 1952. This follows strong protests from German critics who have been shocked by recent decisions. This is a big step towards improving boxing conditions in Germany, but now it is

up to efficient referees and judges whether or not the Germans are to regain the respect of the boxing world

A NEW champion in the fight game is like a breath of fresh air. That's why THE RING welcomes the success of Wally Thom, the 25 year old "southpaw" from Birkenhead, who after only 23 professional contests became British and British Empire welterweight champion by outpointing Eddie Thomas over 15 rounds at Harringay, London.

Yet I am forced to say I considered the young "southpaw" a most fortunate young man, indeed, to receive the decision of Referee Tommy Little. I know the Welsh boxer who has held the title two years has an aggravating defensive style, but in Britain we still award points for good boxing—and also for defensive ability.

Thom must be given every credit for putting what action there was to be seen into the fight, but many of his attacks were little more than crude rushes while Thomas at least countered perfectly, nearly always steadying Thom up with a right dig below the heart. I was surprised that Tommy Little did not give the champion more credit for the better punching, better boxing and superior counter-punching.

On my score card Eddie clinched the decision by his aggressive fighting in the last two rounds which he won beyond all dispute. But why he didn't open up against the raw Birkenhead "southpaw" two or three rounds earlier will remain a mystery.

All this is not intended to take credit from Wally Thom. In fact, regular readers of this column will recall the forecast I made about this spirited and courageous youngster many months ago when he was campaigning successfully at Liverpool under the promotion of Johnny Best.

Thom cannot yet be classed a good champion, because he has not yet had the rough edges knocked off him. However, he has the right idea, and although I am not endeared with "southpaws", I think he can be made into a useful champion He is a fair puncher, and can take a good punch himself.

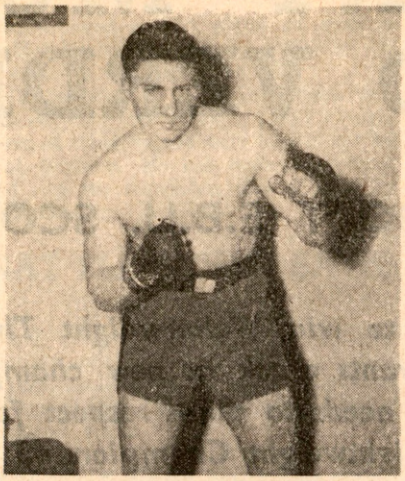
The Birkenhead boy has been brought along at rather a rapid pace, and I am hoping his advisors will now be content to take things easier now they have the British and Empire titles safely locked up I have heard talk of Thom bidding for the European welter crown in the hands of Charles Humez of France

Thom is not yet ready for Humez, who is a murderous hitter for a man of 10 st. 7 lbs. I would like to see Wally tighten up his defence, and add a little more polish before he tackles Humez He need not remain idle for long in 1952, because Billy Thompson, the ex-lightweight champion, will be allowed to box again in April, and is getting himself fit to challenge Wally for the welterweight crown. Thompson defeated Thom as an amateur, and fancies his chances with Wally in the paid ranks

## TOUGH ALGAR SMITH

ANOTHER welterweight who thinks he can lick the new champion, is Algar Smith, the Stoke Newington tough guy. Algar seemed set for lightweight honours until he began piling on weight He is handicapped somewhat as a welterweight mainly because of his lack of inches, plus the fact his big punch doesn't appear to be so deadly against opponents of 10 st. 7 lbs. up as it did against the 9 st. 9 lbs. fighters.

Algar is still a kid, and is not old enough to fight for a British title anyway. If he can keep a level head and look after himself he may still go on to win a major title.



*DON COCKELL*

*The British and European cruiserweight champion has the "killer" spirit that many British champions of the past have lacked, but Don will have to show some restraint against Joey Maxim, who is an extremely skilful champion.*

There was one scene at the end of the welterweight championship fight between Eddie Thomas and Wally Thom that should have embarrassed the British Boxing Board of Control. When the last gong sounded, and the referee decided Thom was the new champion, Onslow Fane, a Board of Control steward, climbed through the ropes with a new Lonsdale Belt which he proceeded to pin on Thom

I watched Thomas's face, and my sympathy went out for him as he had the first glimpse ever of the belt which he himself won beating Henry Hall two years earlier, and to which had added another notch by defending his title successfully against Cliff Curvis last year. Had the decision gone in Eddie's favour—and I still maintain many good judges would have scored the fight that way—the belt would have been Thomas's own property for keeps

As it is he had held the belt two years, yet the only glimpse of it was to see it for a few seconds around the mid-section of the man who had only won it a couple of minutes earlier. It is all very well for the Board to declare these belts are hard to come by, but the boxing board is a rich body today—thanks to the percentage they have collected from Jack Solomon's tournaments—and every effort should be made not to repeat the little ceremony at the end of this fight—a ceremony which was to my mind unkind to Thomas. It would have been more human if Fane had not made a public presentation of the belt, but had handed it to Thom in his dressing room

DON COCKELL, the determined light-heavyweight champion of Britain, the Empire and Europe, is in the right mood for a crack at the world title which Joey Maxim of America took from Freddie Mills. Cockell is quite the most vicious champion this country has produced in years, and is more of a "killer" than Freddie Mills.

We saw Cockell the Slayer in action against Albert Finch of Croydon, who didn't really belong in the same ring when making a bid for Don's British title before being knocked out in seven rounds.

Yet as much as I am grateful that at last we have produced a champion with a vicious streak in him while in the ring, I must offer this warning to Don. He cannot afford to be so careless or box so badly against Maxim as he did against Finch. I know Cockell will say "I could afford to be careless against Finch" but my answer to that is that no boxer can ever afford to be careless inside the ring while his opponent has two fists, two legs and is still breathing

Remember, Randolph Turpin became casual when he had Sugar Ray Robinson beaten in New York in September, and you know what happened to Randy—he threw away a world title Ezzard Charles also was over-confident when defending his world heavyweight crown against old-timer Jersey Joe Walcott. As a result Jersey Joe is today heavyweight champion of the world.

I agree Finch offered no real resistance to Cockell, but it is a bad habit for a great champion to underate any opponent because he loses his action, and by that I mean the rhythm of the fighting machine is disturbed. Against the American light-heavyweight Nick Barone last June, Cockell's action had reached perfection.

Don looked the greatest fighter at his weight in the world when he flattened Barone, and on that form I would pick Cockell to beat Maxim, but on the Finch showing there must be a large question mark, because Maxim is a pretty cute fighting fox.

The advice I offer Don Cockell is to get himself down to about 12 st. 4 lbs. and to have more fights. To rest is to rust in the fight game.

## A BOXING SHOCK

THE boxing world seemed shocked by the suspension of Billy Thompson for six months and his manager Benny Huntman for twelve months following an investigation made by the British Boxing Board of Control as the result of Thompson's showing against Tommy McGovern when he lost his lightweight title almost with the first punch.

Thompson confessed he was weak at the required poundage of 9 st. 9 lbs, and added he had been in the turkish baths. Huntman pleaded he knew nothing about this because he felt it was fairer not to visit either Thompson or McGovern before this title fight in view of the fact he was the manager of both fighters.

Now I am not concerned here with this particular case, but I consider the Board of Control would be doing a good turn to boxing if they brought in a rule barring two fighters under the same manager boxing for a championship Obviously, the manager in such circumstances cannot give all the attention he would like to both boxers.

Old-timers in the fight game will be sorry to know that Jack Goldswain, the old Bermondsey pugilist, who held the British lightweight title forty-five years ago has been ill in hospital.

Old Jack, who is seventy-three, has serious eye-trouble, and having lost the sight of one eye is now fighting to save the other. Of the present day boxing writers I am the only scribe who was present at the old National Sporting Club the night Goldswain caused a surprise by outpointing the brilliant Birmingham boxer, Jabez White, over 20 rounds. This was in 1906, and the contest was made to find a new lightweight champion because ever since Dick Burge relinquished his crown in 1900 the title had been vacant.

White who had boxed two world champions, Jimmy Britt and the famous Joe Gans in America, was considered to

*FREDDIE MILLS*

*The ex-world and British light-heavyweight champion, who also was a "killer" inside the ring. Freddie brought world crown to England, beating Gus Lesnevich, and lost it back to Joey Maxim, who is to defend the same title against Cockell.*

be too smart for the tough Bermondsey fighter, but Goldswain was a dour fellow, and with the odds against him fought a truly great fight. Jack kept the title for over two years until he was beaten in 14 rounds by Johnny Summers in 1908. Goldswain put on weight and two years later took part in the first British welterweight championship contest when he was matched with Young Joseph. In this championship Goldswain was disqualified in 11 rounds.

IT is too frequently we hear of old champions down on their luck, but it is good to hear of the fight-game rallying round boxers in trouble. Latest good turn was done for Mac Joachim, the 24 years old cruiserweight from Calcutta, who is practically blind following injuries sustained last March.

So shocked were champions like Don Cockell, Roy Ankarah and other leading celebrities of the ring that they put on a show for the unlucky young fighter at Leyton Baths at the end of October, and raised something towards giving Joachim a little more comfort to the darkness that has descended on his young life.

Yet another example that boxing folk have hearts that beat is shown by the Lynn A.B.C. Three years' ago in an inter-club match between Lynn and Le Havre a young French pugilist, Andre LeFlock died following injuries. Lynn officials and members had the unfortunate Frenchman's body embalmed and sent home to his parents together with a cheque for £450. Just recently the Lynn Secretary, F. Frost, who won an A.B.A. title in 1935, staged another inter-club match between Lynn and LeHavre. He is now hoping to make it an annual match as a memorial to Andre LeFlock.

Sugar Ray Robinson has been making quite a lot of contradictory statements recently concerning his ring future. One minute he is talking of retiring, and going into variety, and the next he is saying he will defend his world middleweight crown against Harold Green of Brooklyn in the New Year. If he fights Green nobody is going to become very excited because Sugar Ray won't have to go all out to beat Green.

In England we are interested in Robinson's future only if he continues to fight because we feel Randy Turpin should be given a third fight for the world middleweight crown to prove he is the best middleweight in the world.

Boxers have strange habits of talking about retiring. Turpin made wild statements which few wise folk really believed last September when even before he had had his second fight with Robinson he was talking about retiring in 1952. You can, of course, take such a statement with a pinch of salt, because Randy himself has denied he intends retiring anyway.

Robinson will fight again in my opinion, and may even be tempted to give the British champion a third meeting—provided it means a big rake-off for Sugar Ray in New York next summer.

## ARMSTRONG'S GOOD START

Willie Armstrong, the 21 year old Scottish middleweight champion, caused a sensation in his London debut when he stopped Bos Murphy of New Zealand a former British Empire champion, in, one round at the Albert Hall.

Armstrong, who is yet another "southpaw," has the right aggressive spirit, and a left hook that is a sleep-producer. Murphy was sitting on the seat of his pants after a couple of seconds boxing when young Willie nailed him with a short left hook.

The Scottish lad who was having his twelfth professional fight against Murphy is destined to great things, because I am assured he can not only give a good punch, but also take one.

Obviously he is not yet ready for the likes of Randy Turpin, but if he makes steady improvement it is possible that with another eighteen months' experience under his belt he may be fighting for the title now in Turpin's care.

Certainly, Armstrong is another exhilarating tonic to British boxing. The world loves a puncher, and he is going to be one of the biggest drawing cards in the game soon.

*SUGAR ROBINSON*

*Like Turpin, Robinson has been quoted as saying: "I'm gonna quit the ring," but we shall be surprised if Sugar Ray doesn't have at least another twelve months boxing.*

## NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

SINCE the terrific boom which put more money into the pockets of boxers, managers and promoters in twelve months than in any corresponding period in years, there has been a sudden slump in boxing here—a slump that can be made into another boom. It is a slump that could have been averted.

During the past three months Sydney Stadium has closed a couple of times, as has Melbourne and Newcastle. Leichhardt has been closed for weeks.

The trouble is that all the drawcards have either fought each other out or taken a holiday, and due to lack of foresight there are no potential drawcards coming up. The preliminary boxer does not get the incentive he needs—he usually does not know he is fighting until the night of the fight, which is bad from the boxer's mental viewpoint; and the payment a boxer receives for a preliminary bout is less than he earns for a week's work. The main event boys who are good drawcards, earn big sums from boxing, but the prelim boys see the champions from a long way off. Another thing against the boys beginning in the game is that they receive little attention from the trainers in most gyms.

What lack of foresight all around. If trainers pay more attention to the preliminary fighters under their control, if promoters pay more and if prelim boxers receive more notice of when they are to fight, more boxers would develop into top drawcards.

At present, the following are boxers capable of filling our leading stadiums at each appearance: Dave Sands, Jimmy Carruthers, Jack Hassen, Mickey Tollis, Elley Bennett, Ray Coleman. Frank Flannery is an excellent drawcard in Melbourne. Of these boxers, Sands is overseas, Carruthers is looking for opponents, Hassen seems to be forever catching colds, necessitating repeated postponements of his title bout with Flannery. Bennett and Coleman are being kept more or less idle while awaiting their return featherweight bout.

That leaves Tollis our busiest champion.

Former welter champion, Tommy Burns, is making a comeback. He was one of the greatest drawcards of all time here and if he can reproduce anything like his old form, he will be a welcome addition to the fight scene in Australia. Burns has been out of action for over two years and at 29, feels he still has a few fights left.

A new flyweight champion reigns in Australia. Taffy Hancock KO'ed holder, Jimmy Laffin, in 13 rounds, fracturing a rib of Jimmy's in the process. Hancock's win, although a surprise in Brisbane where the fight took place, was expected by Sydney fans. Hancock is good enough to fight most of the world-rated flyweights.

In Newcastle, Phil Zivick, the 46-year-old evergreen, had his first bout in Australia for about 16 years, KO'ed Ted Spraester in the second round. Zivick states he is 36, but record books prove Phil understates his age by some ten years. Perhaps he has run out of fingers and toes!

Mickey Tollis has so often lost five and six pounds in a day or two that he thought he could do it any time without weakening himself. But there is the story of the cracked pitcher going to the well once too often. Our welter champion took off six pounds in a couple of days and entered the ring against Len Dittmar. Even then Mick was five pounds over the welter limit. Tollis fought listlessly and lost on points—his first loss in a long time.

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Elley Bennett, our feather champion, was easily outpointed by Bluey Wilkins, one of our best feathers, in Melbourne.

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Bernie Hall, one of our best welters, was scheduled to box Alfie Sands at Sydney, but had a temperature of 100 and the doctor refused to pass him. However, Max Talbot was quickly substituted and made a grand fight of it until Sands upended Talbot in the seventh stanza.

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Bobby Greville, a welter who is really going places, stopped tough Pran Mikus in seven rounds, after a two-man war in Melbourne. Only Bernie Hall and Len Dittmar stand between Greville and a title shot with Mickey Tollis.

George Kapeen notched up his tenth KO win in his last eleven starts, when he skittled Andre Famechon in three rounds. He dropped Andre in the first round and the Frenchman did not completely recover from it. Kapeen's only loss this year was to Greville, who KO'ed him, so none of George's eleven bouts this year have lasted the distance.

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Don Johnson drew his smallest crowd, 6,000, against Billy Lord, a former lightweight, who took a holiday and returned, after ten months, a middleweight. Johnson registered his eleventh KO win in eleven professional starts, when he knocked out Lord in the first round. Fans want to see Johnson against a name opponent. Some say he is too crude to be any good. Still he draws big crowds and is earning good money for little effort.

# European Gossip

By CHARLIE PARRISH

THE fistic market took a sharp swing upward when the winter season commenced in Europe. Several major programs drew large crowds in France, Germany and Belgium. In France, it was Charles Humez who hit the headlines with a kayo of Emile Delmine. Humez is being groomed for a world title shot with Kid Gavilan. In Germany, Hein ten Hoff won the European heavy title, while in Belgium it was Karel Sys, heavyweight, and Jean Sneyers, bantam, who made news—Sys by defeating Joe Weidin and Sneyers by completely mastering Emile Chemama. Mitri and Livio Minelli battled to a draw, while Hans Stretz scored three kayoes in Spain. Luc Van Dam continued active in Holland, and Johansen in Denmark.

We reported last month on the Ostend card which featured the heavy clash between Karel Sys and Robert Eugene as the star attraction. Several other interesting bouts accompanied the main event, namely, the bloodfest between Harry Bos of Holland and Andre De Keersgieter, the Belgian middles champion, which wound up in a victory for the latter in the tenth round when the referee halted proceedings. Young Ray Souply defeated durable Hermann Korber in ten, lightweights, and Jean Machterlinck bested Alex Sinnaeve in a feathers title match which went the scheduled 12 cantos.

The Spanish feathers king, Luis De Santiago, was also successful in defending his bauble against Antonito Ruiz, who was ironed out in the second frame in Madrid. Three other Spanish champions saw action on this bill. Antonio Monzon paid a visit to the canvas in his shindig with Michele Polo, but gained the nod over the Italian after eight rounds, welters. Gavino Furesi, the Italian feather, had little difficulty in whipping Modesto Asencio, bantams, and Enzo Ganaddu, Italy, was acclaimed winner in the third heat after Juan Cristobal was ruled out for hitting low, flyweights.

Barcelona—The old Spanish welter king, Jose Ferrer, made another comeback attempt here and succeeded in knocking out Oprea Oprisen of Roumania in the second stanza.

Ray Lewis of Hawaii was knocked out in the third session of his lightweight affair with Bufala, and Jose Galiana halted Leyton Lewis of Jamaica in the fourth. Juan Jose Gonzales edged Martinez de la Torrassa in a flyweight eight, and Jose Navarro stiffened Alonso in the opening round of their bantam argument.

Varese, Italy—Tiberio Mitri notched another victory in his campaign to attain international honors by outpointing the rugged Frenchman, Gilbert Stock. Rain made the ring slippery, but Mitri was nevertheless impressive on this occasion. Duilio Loi had no difficulty in stopping harmless Leyton Lewis of Jamaica in the second round, lightweights, and Giovanni Scodro drew with Giulio Ferrario in six, heavies. Padovani, welter, trimmed Baretti in six.

Other bouts in Italy which were of interest follow: Mario Minatelli whipped Giglio Odorico in ten, welters, at Padua on August 30. Evo Savini outscored Valentino Gianluppi in eight, lighties, at Ravenna on September 1. Antonini outfought the erratic Roberto Conti at Foligno, lightweights, on September 2.

San Sebastian, Spain—Four German battlers showed up to good account here when they clashed against the native sons. Hans Stretz threw a bombshell when he cracked Ramon Martinez with a right in the fifth round which ended their middleweight slugging bee, while Gustav Scholz gained the plaudits of the crowd by outpointing the heavier Eduardo Lopez, Spain's middles king. Both Scholz and Lopez are southpaws, incidentally.

In the lighter divisions, the Germans were less fortunate, as Luis De Santiago halted Hans Schoemig in the fifth canto of their feather engagement, and Javier Lirio was most fortunate to obtain a draw with Rudi Langer, bantams.

On a Barcelona program which featured only novices, Villardel whipped Cerdan, Jose Martinez drew with Lorman, and Palu drew with Marsal, in three welter sixes. Jose Navarro halted Garcia in the third session of their bantam shindig and Lazaro beat Cadalso in six, feathers.

Aix-en-Provence, France—Valere Benedetto decisively outscored Bouadjemi Mokhfi in ten rounds here, welters.

At Oran, Algeria, Robert Garcia won his seventh pro start by outclassing the faded Italian flyweight, Mario Solinas, in ten. Marc Cuneo, local lightie, forced the Moroccan, Kid Azouz, to retire during the fourth stanza.

Luc Van Dam had a brief outing at Geelen, Holland, when he stopped the West Indian Negro, Bill Reed, in the opening session. Theun Brommer shared honors with Harry (Bull) Mino of Belgium in a welter eight.

Leo Starosch, the giant killer from Essen, was in devastating form when he appeared before 9,000 onlookers at the Vienna Ice Stadium against Hein Wiesner. Although outweighed by two stone, the German welter scored a house-high points victory after ten interesting rounds. Willi Swoboda was again impressive in halting Willi Gelhaar, German lightweight, in the third heat, while Franz Kochmannowitsch and Freudendorfer drew in a lightweight six.

Italian fighters again featured in Barcelona, where Gavino Furesi outfought the local feather, Rivas, in a feather eight, while Enzo Ganadu drew with Lucas Rubio in another eight, bantams. Collado decisioned Francisco Latorre in six, feathers. Ibanez trimmed Arnau, lighties, and Medina nodded Escudie, cruisers, both in sixes.

The winter season opened up inauspiciously in Copenhagen, where Roger Bruneau, the classy French feather, lost what appeared as a clear victory over the Dane, Asger Warburg. A drawn verdict was given after eight one-sided rounds. Joergen Johansen thumped out a monotonous victory over Roland Guilbert, lightweights, and Martin Hansen did well to outscore the middles prospect. Chris Lunaud. In a bantam six, Anker Schone edged Ponchet.

On the Italian circuit, several less important programs caught the eye. Amedei Dante Madella outpointed the Roumanian welter, Mario Falescky, in eight rounds at Monza, while Ernesto Ballabio supported with a lightweight triumph over Felice Gallo in another eight.

At Leghorn on the same day, Fulvio Fiori decisioned the handsome Austrian middles champ, Poldi Bauer, in eight. Two other Austrians were also defeated by their Italian hosts, Luciano Paoletti halting Ernest Walter in the second, owing to the latter's cut eye, welters, and featherweight Pietro Scardino stopping Pleczker in the fifth, feathers.

In Rome, Beppe Colasanti whipped Roberto Conti in eight, lightweights, and Claudio Buniva nodded Fernando Spallotta in six. The are welters.

At Taranto, Angelo Brisci beat the aging Revel Morini in six. They are middles. Giovanni Zinno, feather, beat Giuseppe Galie over the same distance.

At Tunis, a bantamweight clash took place which was designed to clarify the leadership in that division. Emile Chemama, the French champion, was pitted against Hadi Tijani, who is unable to compete for French honors, but the latter is accounted by many as the best bantam competing in French territory. The battle drew a huge crowd, and both men were fully extended for most of the ten rounds in an attempt to clinch the verdict. In the second, Tijani visited the canvas following a butt which opened a cut above his eye, but he came back to force a highly popular draw decision.

In another bantam duel, Amleto Falcinelli was unlucky not to receive more than a draw against Kid Andre, while in two feather scrambles, Chedly flattened Meraldo in six and Franco Titone edged Marsawi in six.

Antonio Monzon paid a visit to Gijon in order to defend his Spanish welter title against the local star, Aurelio Diaz Cavadeva, who was very lucky to last the distance against the heavy-hitting champ. Modesto Asencio shared honors with Fiorentino Torralba in eight, bantams.

No doubt Ernest Chalono, the heavy from Martinique, suffered his five-round knockout defeat by Karel Sys at Roulers without complaint. The proceeds from the show, organized by the Abbot of Getter, were donated towards a building dedicated to St. Theresa of Lisieux.

Hamburg—Willi Hoepner sprinted after the nimble Eli Elandon for nine rounds before landing a damaging punch. The gong saved the mulatto, and although Elandon took two further trips to the deck during the last session, he managed to last out the limit and Hoepner had to suffice with an unsatisfactory points win. Gerhard Hecht was far more impressive in icing Rik Van Kuyck in 90 seconds of the opening round. The third cruiser contest matched Guenther Balzer with the Dutchman, Snucky De Bruin, who was beaten clearly over six. Guenther Nuernberg impressed with a six-round victory over Heinz Seelisch, heavies, and Jimmy Lyggett drew with Werner Handtke, welters, also in six.

At Chateauroux, France, the Italian middle from Tunis, Tino Albanese, known to his fans as "The Tiger," scored another win. His victim this time was Gabriel Lemoine, who retired in the seventh round.

At Granville, Augustin Ussin halted Salvatore Sanna, Italian welter, in the fourth, while at Oran, Algeria, Cheraka nodded Khelfa in ten, welters.

The Paris Central Club once more opened its doors and the first show starred Georges Ionescu, ex-amateur lightweight hope, who stiffened Jean Frias in the third. Robert Cohen halted Leon Gauche in the fifth, bantams, and Souvais beat Moreau. They are feathers.

Geneva, Switzerland—Robert Villemain won a very disputed verdict here over the Italian middles challenger, William Poli, who made the fight for the first seven rounds, but was obliged to hang on for the last three when the Frenchman let loose his barrages. Young Bassin, from the West Indies, won his middles contest by chilling Ourani in the seventh.

It was war to the knife when Livio Minelli collided with Tiberio Mitri at the Vigorelli Stadium in Milan, and Minelli gave one of his best performances by holding the classy blond from Trieste to a ten-round draw.

Ray Famechon was very disappointing against Ernesto Formenti, Italy's feathers champ, who managed to fight a draw with the Frenchman by dint of much courage and much ring strategy.

Michele Polo drew with Pino Facchi, and Carlo Mola outpointed Rino Voltolini in two welter eights.

At the Paris Stadium—Ramdane Bellatreche fought a draw with Robert Meunier, bantams, and Jacques Ziolkowski halted Raymond Ballen in the fifth, middles. In another bantam fray, the Parisian Italian, Francis Pandocchi, won over Maurice Hautois in six.

At Casablanca, Abdlekader ben Miloud came through with a good victory over the somewhat timid Hoacine Khalfi in ten, lightweights. In another bout at the same weight, Cheraka decisioned El Baze.

Luis Romero did not remain long inactive after losing his European bantam title and appeared at Seville against Mariano Diaz, who was obliged to retire in the fifth after visiting the canvas

## CONTINENTAL RATINGS—By Charlie Parrish

MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30

| HEAVIES | CRUISERS | MIDDLES | WELTERS |
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| 1—Hein ten Hoff | Conny Rux | Laurent Dauthuille | Charles Humez |
| 2—Karel Sys | Gerhard Hecht | Robert Villemain | Pierre Langlois |
| 3—Heinz Neuhaus | Willi Hoepner | Tiberio Mitri | Gilbert Lavoine |
| 4—W. Kohlbrecher | Renato Tontini | Luc Van Dam | Gustav Scholz |
| 5—Jo Weidin | Albert Yvel | Jean Stock | Emmanuel Clavel |
| 6—Stef Olek | J. Hairabedian | Peter Mueller | Emile Delmine |
| 7—Kurt Schiegl | Hans Strelecki | Jan De Bruin | Leo Starosch |
| 8—Werner Wiegand | Fernando Jannilli | Livio Minelli | Chris Christensen |
| 9—Heinz Titze | Richard Vogt | Cyrille Delannoit | Antonio Monzon |
| 10—Giorgio Milan | Willy Schagen | Hans Stretz | Kid Dussart |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | FEATHERS | BANTAMS | FLYWEIGHTS |
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| 1—Elis Ask | Ray Famechon | Jean Sneyers | Louis Skena |
| 2—Joergen Johansen | Al Cerasani | Luis Romero | Charlie Bohbot |
| 3—Joseph Preys | Francis Bonnardel | Hadi Tijani | Honore Pratesi |
| 4—Duilio Loi | Ernesto Formenti | Gaetano Annaloro | Nazzareno Gianelli |
| 5—Auguste Caulet | Guido Ferracin | Emile Chemama | Ot. Belardinelli |
| 6—Pierre Montane | Louis De Santiago | Maurice Sandeyron | Florio Pancani |
| 7—Ben Miloud | Roger Bruneau | Alvaro Nuvoloni | Young Martin |
| 8—Gustave Perrot | Jean Machterlinck | Gianni Zuddas | Jacques Louni |
| 9—Hans Haefner | Tony Say | Sam Conforti | Andre Jasse |
| 10—Jacques Prigent | Walter Demke | Olavi Ouvinen | Donatien Millet |

on two occasions. As a matter of interest, this was the first time Romero has fought another Spaniard since the end of 1948. Luis De Santiago also featured on this bill, and knocked out the unfortunate Leyton Lewis in four rounds. Lewis has collected quite a few kayo defeats of late.

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The long-awaited bantam title match between Alvaro Nuvoloni and Gianni Zuddas, which took place at Cagliari, broke attendance records for the town—7,000 spectators attended. The fight itself was something of an anticlimax as Zuddas was over-nervous in the opening rounds, but then went ahead to gain a points lead which the champion counteracted by his aggressive finish. The bout ended in a draw after 12 rounds, though many thought that Nuvoloni had a slight edge.

On the rest of the card, Efisio Melis was extremely fortunate to be adjudged winner over Valdo Fusaro, lightweights, while Gavino Furesi, newly back from Spain, halted Gianni Mariani in the third heat of their feathers clash.

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Cologne—About 4,000 fans turned up to watch the last open-air program here, with Peter Mueller as the star attraction. His opponent, Julio Neves, who is an obscure middleweight claiming the distinction of being Portuguese champ, was not in the same class. Mueller finished the visitor off in the second.

In a welter duel, Walter Schneider was held to a split verdict by Augustin Argote.

In a cruiser maul, Burl Charity of America was far too good for Norbert Nettekoven, who succumbed a hook to the liver in the opening stanza.

Young Martin, Spain, bantam, outfought Walter Schopp in six, while Albert Mueller gained a very narrow verdict over another Spaniard, Emilio Orozco, after an excellent lightweight argument.

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At Barcelona—The trio of German invaders—Gustav Scholz returned to Germany with an injured hand—continued their Spanish campaign. Hans Schoemig was beaten by Tony Lopez over eight rounds, feathers, and Hans Stretz scored another knockout, this time with Jose Ferrer on the receiving end; the Spaniard took the full count in the sixth. Rudi Langer was the victim of a very poor decision when his match against Gonzalo was declared a draw.

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An attendance of 6,000 was achieved in Augsburg, Germany, when the 40-year-old Willi Faerber climbed once more into the ring. The old flyweight king was no match for his French foe, Jack Louni, however, and after taking several counts he was obliged to concede Louni a crushing points victory.

Hans Haefner, lightweight, knocked out Al Gunning, West Indies, in the seventh round, and promising Werner Teuscher made an end of Siegfried Angelis in the opening heat of their welter contest.

Heini Hirsch, welter, won his last fight before retiring by beating Hans Weber of the Saar District over six rounds. Rolf Bastian, middleweight, whipped Emil Akers in six, and Hans Groetzsch, feather, flattened Heinz Klein in the fourth.

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Rouen, France—Pierre Langlois, the welter idol of Normandy, won a convincing points affair over the Algerian, Areski Boina, here.

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Albert Yvel rehabilitated himself somewhat by gaining a good points win over Fernando Jannilli after ten rounds in Rome.

Alvaro Cerasani was awarded the verdict over the North African, Ramdane. Luigi Valentini finally broke the grip which Michele Palermo has had for years on the Italian welter title, when he forced the old blond lion of Naples to retire in the fourth round with the crown at stake. Finally, Nicola Funari, feather, drew with Nello Barbadoro in eight.

In Rotterdam, the Dutch middles champ, Luc Van Dam, played host to his Belgian opposite number and inflicted on that gent his first defeat of the year after ten rounds. Job Roos reversed a previous defeat by edging Jean Wanes, middles, and in two Belgo-Dutch welter arguments, Nico Schoenmakers trimmed Remie Leys in eight, while Theun Brommer nodded Edouard Harneveld in ten.

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At the Cirque Royal, Brussels, Jean Sneyers gave a very neat lesson in the art of fisticuffs to the Algerian, Emile Chemama, and succeeded in capturing most of the rounds. Sneyers was extremely mobile and skillful against a fierce, rushing opponent, who did not cease his attacks for the whole ten rounds.

In two other Franco-Belgian affairs, Edgard Delannoit made an excellent impression against Maurice Maury, the Parisian lightweight, who retired during the tenth round, while Jean Labalette came through with an equally good win by beating Jos Vissers over eight, lightweights. Martina, an Italian welter resident in Belgium, outpointed young Frank Etienne over eight rounds.

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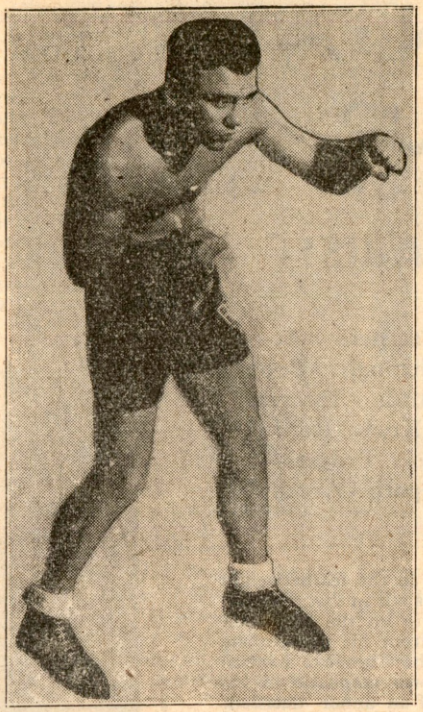
The Salle Wagram once again opened its doors in Paris, and Jacques Prigent fought the main bout against Jacques Dehaye, two lightweights who are hovering just outside the Parisian big-money class. After a very close and hard-fought ten rounds, Prigent was declared winner.



*Robert Villemain, French middleweight star, defeated Bill Poli, of Italy, in his last battle before returning to the United States, this time for a seven months campaign.*

In a middles clash, Robert Vallet forged through with a knockout over Christian Lunaud, who was tolled out in the tenth, while in the bantam class, Robert Cohen outpointed Francis Pandocchi in six, and Jacques Dumesnil outscored Cournut also in six. Finally, Jacques Legendre won against Henri Vincenzi in eight, feathers.

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In the Winter Velodrome of Schaerbeck, Brussels, Karel Sys scored his most important win to date in his European campaign by decisively outpointing the Austrian heavy, Joe Weidin, in ten rounds. His 37 years appeared no handicap to the Belgian blond, who stepped around Weidin like a frisky welter, and had the Austrian in trouble frequently.

In a second heavy slugfest, Gene (Tiger) Jones of the United States humbled Robert Eugene of Belgium by chilling him in 45 seconds of the opening round. Kid Dussart obtained a very close points decision over Gustave Perrot, France, in an interesting welter shindig.

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Hein ten Hoff at last justified the high rating which this column has consistently given him by thumping out a unanimous points triumph over Jack Gardner, and thus becoming the new European champion. A record crowd of 25,000 attended the Waldbuehne Stadium, Berlin, to watch the first European title bout take place in Germany since the war. The towering Hein ten Hoff won hands down. His long left was always in Gardner's face, but the challenger was obliged to nurse his right, which was injured during training. The showing of the British title holder was very disappointing.

In two other heavyweight slams, Heinz Neuhaus outscored Kurt Schiegl in eight and Heinz Titze fought an excellent draw with Richard Vogt, also in eight.

Franz Szuzina, the new middles sensation, came through with a surprising four-round kayo of Charley Anglee, who was hitherto unbeaten in the Fatherland, while Hans Haefner, the lightweight champ, indulged in a tearaway battle with the French kingpin and after eight sessions a draw was declared.

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The Paris Mutualite opened the winter season with two good bouts, both of which were fought out desperately by the chief actors. Roger Bruneau had to draw on all his experience to ward off the attacks of Tony Say in a featherweight ten-rounder, which ended very justly in a split verdict.

Sam Conforti, returned from his lengthy Spanish campaign, got the better of the ex-champion of France, Marcel Mathieu, in another temperamental ten, which resulted in the decision going to Conforti by a narrow margin.

In two welter clashes, Raymond Collin bested Jacques Billy in eight, and Roose nodded Masliah in six, while Brousse outscored Simonetti in a feather six.

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At the Paris Stadium, Serge Gazard won over Gougelin, bantams, Merle beat Falkner, lightweights, and Leveille distanced Martin, welters. All bouts were scheduled for six rounds.

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At the Palais des Sports, Paris, Charles Humez defended his European welter title for the first time since his defeat of Eddie Thomas. His opponent was the blond Belgian champion, Emile Delmine, a redoubtable hitter. Delmine entered the ring with a swelling over the left eye. After three very cautious rounds, Humez opened the swollen eye, but in the fifth Delmine cut open the Frenchman's left optic.

In the sixth, Humez cut loose with his murderous right and dropped the challenger three times. In the following session he finished Delmine with a whirling attack which culminated with a right to the solar plexus and the challenger was counted out.

Pierre Langlois, sadly off form, took six rounds to cut down Tommy Bell, American Negro welter, while Danny (Bang-Bang) Womber, U.S.A., repeated a previous success by outpointing Roger Baour in ten fast rounds, welters.

In two middles clashes, Jules Bouquet edged Michel Aubignat and Jean-Claude Poisson got the better of Leon Nowiasz in eight rounds.

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At Firenze, Italy, the main bout between Emilio Marconi and Umberto Del Carlo was marred by too much roughhouse, and the referee halted this lightweight encounter in the sixth round, ruling out both men. Altidoro Polidori won fairly easily over young Franco Sisalli in eight, and Rodolfo Angelico left-hooked Matteo Tamalio to defeat in the fourth in two feather duels.

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At Cremona, Marino Faversani outscored the veteran Otello Bottarelli in eight, welters, while at Naples, Aldo Kranzdorf nodded Salvatore Ciotola in six, feathers, and Luigi Fasulo trimmed Benito Fattori, bantams.

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In Rome, Giuliano Catini whipped Nello Salvatore, who retired in the seventh, bantams.

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At Barcelona, the Italian feather, Enzo Ganadu suffered a broken left hand during his contest with Jose Galiana here, and retired in the sixth round owing to this. The southpaw, Bufala, edged Cervello in six, lightweights, while Navarro halted Collado in the fourth heat of a feathers bout. Vicho flattened Pascual in four, welters, and Cadalso beat Noya in eight, bantams.

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A few days later, in Barcelona, the highly-touted German trio showed their wares. Hans Stretz chalked up his third consecutive kayo victory in Spain by creasing the promising Julian Humanes in seven rounds. Tony Lopez narrowly defeated Hans Schoemig on points after eight heats, feathers, and Rudi Langer made it two to one for Germany by winning his featherweight slam with Lucas Rubio, also in eight.

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At the Paris Central, Robert Cohen won another victory. This time it was Cordillot who succumbed to the Algerian's rapid-punching, in six rounds, bantams. In another match at the same weight, Georges Ionescu could only share honors with Sala Ouchecha, North Africa, also in six. Souvais won over Couchot in a lightweight six.

## BOXING IN PANAMA

By Arturo H. LeConte

FEDERICO PLUMMER, 128, Panama's best bet in the featherweight division, boxed rings around Ray Langford, 126, in a four-round exhibition bout. Plummer was scheduled to leave for the United States on October 16th along with trainer Evlyn Shockness. His Panama manager, Carlos Eleta, signed Ray Arcel to manage and train him in the United States.

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Louis Thompson, 130, promising lightweight boxer, ran his winning streak up to sixteen as he outclassed Colon's Kid Chocolate II, 128½, in a featured ten-round bout. Apparently this Thompson kid has the makings of a good fighter. However, he'll be forced to whip Wilfredo Brewster before the fans can see him as a good wallopper.

Leonel Peralta, 135½, eked out a very, very close six-chapter win over Beto Scantlebury, 135. The hard-hitting Leonel dumped Beto for an eight-count in canto number three.

Victor Ardines fooled the skeptics by whaling out a clean six-heat decision over Lupe Pancho, 123. Ardines scaled 127. Although he was on the run all night, Al Marshall, 126, downed Melanio Pacheco, 116.

Cuba's Charolito Sprituano, 148, made a punching bag out of Panama's Tito Despiagne, 145¾. Charolito battered Tito to the deck four times before finally putting him away in the ninth.

Fidel Morris, 123½, rocked Rocky McCree to sleep in two heats, and Al Hostin, 114, drew with Cisco Kid, 116½, in a four-rounder.

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# CONTINENTAL CLOSE-UP

## By CHARLIE PARISH

**Romero Will Make The Feathers Fly—Neuhaus Loses Prestige Through Poor Showings—Racial Mixture Adds Interest To National Titles—Referee Koch Retires In Disgust—Italian Welters Show Progress—Finnish Bantams On Warpath—Around The Map.**

THE plan of Luis Romero to campaign in the featherweight ranks will, no doubt, cause something of a stir in that division, where Ray Famechon has a very firm grip on the European crown. When Larruping Luis returned from his unfortunate trip to Scotland, where he was shorn of the European bantam diadem by Peter Keenan, the Spaniard was emphatic in his declarations that he had been the victim of an unfair decision. Romero added that he would not rest until he had succeeded in getting Keenan in the same ring with him again, and then he would make sure of winning by a knockout. Well, apparently Romero's advisers thought better of this return bout with Keenan and have justifiably concluded that their charge would stand a far better chance of success by moving up into the heavier class.

The knockout of Luis De Santiago in three rounds was a most promising start for Romero, who has been burning to avenge an old defeat administered by the Madrid battler three years ago. At that time, Romero held both the bantam and feather-weight titles of his country, but De Santiago arrived back in Spain in the summer of 1948 with an impressive record gained at the expense of Filipino boxers in the Pacific Islands. He was still comparatively unknown when he faced Romero in the December of 1948, but came across with a knockout in the tenth round which made him a national star overnight. Thence-forward the two Luises continued their diverse ways, until Romero decided to bid farewell to his old foes in the bantams. Just a couple more victories like the one over De Santiago will put Romero right on the doorstep of Ray Famechon, who has cleaned up all remaining opposition very thoroughly.

With Romero out of the way, the bantams can settle down under the leadership of Jean Sneyers, who rates as the best Continental right now, albeit he dropped a dubious decision to Peter Keenan nearly two years ago. Sneyers is now officially the Belgian bantam champion, by the way, according to the Belgian Federation. He has good grounds for sending a challenge to Keenan, although he most likely joins Romero among the featherweights next season.

### GERMANS SLAM NEUHAUS

HEINZ NEUHAUS, the young German heavyweight, lost more prestige at home and abroad by being awarded a draw in his Dortmund fight with Johnny Williams, than if he had been declared loser. The German sports press was far more bitter in its attacks on the poor decision than were their British opposite numbers, and even the good people of Dortmund, usually solidly behind their local idol, left the stadium still protesting at Neuhaus' poor display. Listen to what Joe Biewer, the doyen of German fight scribes, writes in his *Box-sport*.

"Neuhaus has received one draw too many. This time not even his own supporters agreed with the verdict. They saw how the Dortmunder finished strongly, they saw how he could have won the fight. That he did not win it is due to lack of method against a fighter already underestimated. Our German system of scoring must be altered when it comes to international bouts. It has already been laid down that international contests should be scored on the international basis. For no good reason, and it now apparent, quite irresponsibly, these regulations have been ignored. . . . Neuhaus did not profit from this recent drawn verdict. Neither he nor, still less, German boxing."

The German system of point scoring accords a maximum of twenty points for a round, but the winner must show a plus of five or more points. In a fairly close fight it is unlikely that the better man can show such a large advantage, which explains the large number of drawn combats which show on German fighters' records. As a matter of fact, that of Neuhaus shows very few draws, Strelecki, Ten Hoff, Rux and Williams are the only men with whom he has shared honours, and to be quite fair, it should be added that if the fight with Ten Hoff had been scored according to the international system, Ten Hoff would not have left the ring as German champion.

The real reason for the German discontent with Neuhaus is due to the fact that the Dortmund youngster has never since shown the form which he displayed against Ten Hoff, but when the press criticises Neuhaus for a poor performance he usually refers them to that great affair against Ten Hoff. Since that battle he has been very erratic, and only a really good showing will recapture the old enthusiasm for Neuhaus.

*JEAN LABALETTE*

*Outstanding lightweight from Martinique finally gets a crack at the French title after a long campaign.*

SOME time ago we drew attention to the large number of French fighters who came of Polish parents. It seems that we started a ball rolling, for a number of readers have written in demanding to know the racial origins of this and that Continental fighter. The American go deeply into the family trees of their leading scrappers, but over here, where there is not supposed to be any "boiling-pot of nations," a boxer is usually taken at face value, being described as a Frenchman if he holds a French license. However, it is indeed surprising how many fighters there are, particularly in France, whose antecedents are of mixed stock.

The late Marcel Cerdan, for example, still revered as a national idol in France, came of Spanish extraction originally, as did two lesser champions of a bygone era, Bart Molina and Abel Argote. There are today many minor French battlers of Spanish descent, toting names like Garcia, Hernandez, Fernandez, Lopez, etc. Italians have been far more prolific in presenting La Belle France with ready-made fighters. Note the names of Dante Bini, Jean Invernizzi, Emile Dicristo, Bob Scrivano (from Tunisia,) Louis Skena (born Luigi Schena,) Ray Degl' Innocenti, all bear witness to the inherent Italian aptitude for boxing. Sam Conforti, whose name is Italian, is the son of an Italian and a Spanish mother, but calls France his motherland. Two sets of brothers, Jean and Gilbert Stock and Charles and Francois Rutz, originated in German-speaking Alsace, as did

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## GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

GERMANY'S No. 1 promoter, Joachim Gottert, featured both the German light-heavy champion, Willi Hoepner, and the latter's official challenger, Gerhard Hecht, on his program at Hamburg on Sept. 10. Both opposed fighters from Belgium, Hoepner outpointing Eli Elandon and Hecht knocking out Rick van Kuyck in one round.

Elandon substituted for Johnny McGowan, England, the latter being forced to call off his engagement with Hoepner due to an injured hand received in training.

The Belgium's style of fighting, weaving, ducking and his good defence, worried the German champion and the latter never seemed to be able to get going. In fact it was not until the last two rounds of this ten heat affair that Hoepner really took command of the situation.

In round two ELANDON was caught by a left hook to the body and went to the canvas. The Belgium made signs to the referee that he had been hit low, but the third man thought otherwise and instructed the boys to box on as soon as Elandon was on his feet again.

Elandon, bleeding from the nose, was dropped to the canvas in the final heat after Hoepner's left hooks got home to the body and head. The Belgium beat the count and the German turned on the heat in an effort to bring about a KO, but Elandon's gameness and courage kept him on his feet to hear the final bell.

Gerhard Hecht, thought of by most as Germany's uncrowned light-heavyweight champion, made quick work of Rick van Kuyck, knocking him out in the first minute of round one. The Belgium started off well, catching the German with two good lefts and rights about the ace, but when Hecht countered with a barrage of blows Kuyck was soon on the canvas. He rose only to meet another onslaught by the German and on going down never looked like beating the count.

Snucky de Bruin, Holland, who is now residing in Germany under the management of Reinold Tomfort, met his master in Gunter Balzer, Germany, losing on points over six rounds.

In round three Bruin was forced to the corner under a barrage of blows from the German and fell to the canvas for a count of nine. At long range Bruin appeared to be on top, but when at close quarters Balzer was the master of the situation.

Gunter, Nurnberg, Hamburg, outpointed Heinz Seelisch, Kiel, over six rounds in a heavy affair.

Nurnberg is improving fast and has matured into a classy fighter.

Werner Handke, Berlin, drew with the German Jimmy Lygget in a welterweight bout over six rounds.

The program took place before a crowd of some 6,000 at the Ernst Merck Halle in Hamburg.

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At Vienna—A crowd of 9,000 saw the German welter, Leo Starosch, outpoint Hein Wiesner, Austria, over ten rounds.

Willi Gelhaar, another German boxer, was beaten in the third heat by the featherweight champion of Austria, Willi Swoboda.

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Rudi Pepper, German middleweight boxer, has decided to call it a day and is to retire from the ring.

Pepper, a boxer who never failed to give his best, although he has lost his last four bouts, his gameness and workman-like manner in all his previous bouts made him a favorite here.

Pepper, born April 28, 1921, had 136 amateur bouts and was the amateur champion in 1939, 1940, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

Pepper was a southpaw and was a specialist in delivering a left hook. His outstanding performances were against Dieter Hucks, Hans Stretz, Carl Schmidt and Willi Hoepner. He was KO'ed for the first time in his career by Champion Willi Hoepner in June, 1950.

Reluctantly we say goodbye to Rudi Pepper and wish him the very best of luck in his retirement.

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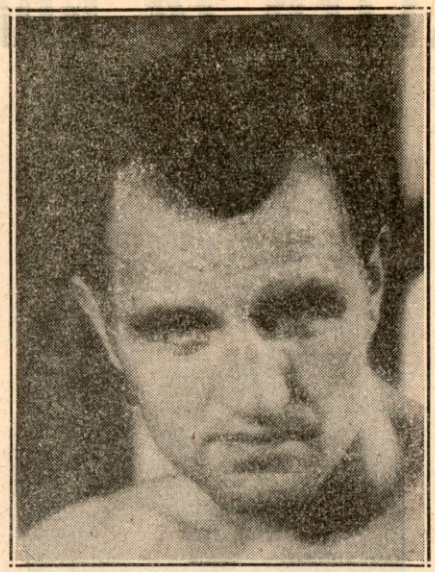
A crowd of 27,000 seated in the natural amphitheatre of the Berlin Roman-like Waldbuhne Stadium shouted their heads off as the German heavyweight champion Hein Ten Hoff relieved European champion Jack Gardner of his crown. Why all the excitement I really don't know for it was the dullest fight I have been unfortunate enough to witness in years. It was certainly not of European championship calibre and neither the old or new champion produced anything like their real form and will not reign long on this showing.

Maybe the Germans were delighted that the European crown was back in their country again after such a long break, for Max Schmeling won the crown before the war when beating a fellow countryman, Adolph Heuser.

Jack Gardner was never comfortable against this giant German who had a reach of 83 inches, stood head and shoulders above the triple title-holder and weighed five and a half pounds heavier.



*Hein Ten Hoff became the first German since the days of Max Schmeling to win the European title when he recently defeated Jack Gardner of England at the Waldbuchne Stadium in Berlin before a record-breaking crowd.*

It was obvious long before the half way mark that the crown was changing hands. From the second round up Gardner bled badly from a two inch cut on the left eyebrow and obviously the German made this his target. With this huge handicap, although in my opinion this did not bring about his defeat, Gardner fought with great heart and courage and one could not have blamed him or his corner had they decided to retire in the midsection of the fight.

The whole show was well organized and a credit to Promoter Joachim Gottert, and were it not for the exceptionally poor heavyweight title fight in which Ten Hoff showed anything but championship calibre, all would have been well. I like to forget that fight. There is talk here to the effect that Lou Burston of Madison Square Garden's I. B. C. is trying to arrange a tour of America for Ten Hoff and have him fight in the Garden. My advice to Ten Hoff is to stay where he is. He'll be hooted out of the ring if he shows so poorly as he did here. He just won't do. He's probably good enough for Germany but won't do for America's second raters.

The fight here was a dreary affair full of clinching, holding and spoling with both to blame, but Ten Hoff far more so than Gardner. Ten Hoff hasn't got what it takes for a heavyweight top man.

The referee for the title bout was Juan Casanovas, Spain. It is reported that his score card favored Hoff by 75 points to 61. Max Schmeling and Ernst Koch officiated at the supporting bouts.

Gardner received £4,500, plus 35% of the gate receipts. Hoff had 40,000 D.Marks for services rendered.

Gardner scaled 15 stone, 2 lbs.; Hoff 15 stone, 6½ lbs.

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Charley Angelee, U.S.A., was beaten by Franz Szuzina, Bremen, the referee, E. Koch, calling a halt in the 4th round. He was dropped three times and couldn't defend himself.

An eight-round lightweight bout between Auguste Caulet, France, and Hans Hafner, Bamberg, Germany, both champions in their respective country, was the best fight of the program. The result, a draw, was very popular for both had worked hard throughout. Caulet had the better of the opening rounds but the second half appeared in favor of the German.

Kurt Schiegl, champion of Austria, after taking a count of eight in round two, fought back well but lost on points to Heinz Neuhaus in a heavy affair over eight rounds. This was rather a wild bout, both boxers missing quite a lot with right swings. Neuhaus did not appear to be at his best. Schiegl bled from the nose throughout the fight. Max Schmeling acted as third man.

In a final eliminator for Hein Ten Hoff's German title, Richard Vogt, Hamburg, drew with Heinz Titze, Berlin, over eight rounds.

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German boxers were very successful at Augsburg where they faced foreign boxers before a crowd of some 5,000 fight enthusiasts.

The German lightweight champion, Hans Hafner, knocked out the British Colonial Al Gunning in round seven.

Ex-champion Willi Farber, Germany, outpointed Jack Louini, France, over eight rounds.

Teuscher, Germany, knocked out Angini in one round.

Other results: Grotsch, Germany, won over Klein, Germany, by a KO in 4. H. Hirsch, Germany, outpointed Weber, Germany. Bastian, Germany, outpointed Aker, Germany.

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German boxers in spain did well. In Barcelona they won all contests as follows: Hans Schomig, Germany, outpointed Toni Lopez, Spain. Heinz Langer, Germany, outpointed Gonzalvo, Spain. Hans Stretz, Germany, won on a KO over Ferrer, Spain, 6.

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A crowd of some 4,000 saw the German middleweight champion, Peter Muller, knock out the Portugal champion, Julio Neves, in two rounds. Neves took a count of six in round one from a right and visited the canvas three times in heat two.

Young Martin, Spain, 52 kg., outpointed the German Schopp in eight. A right had Schopp on the canvas in heat nine.

Albert Muller, Germany, 6.5 kg., drew with the Spaniard Emilio Orozco, 61 kg., in eight rounds. Orozco was down for a count seven in heat three.

Burly Charity, U.S.A., 75 kg., knocked out the German Nettekoven, 79 kg., in round one.

Walter Schneider, Germany, shared points with Augustin Argote, Spain, over six rounds.

## NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By W. Garforth

THE following are the latest results in the local fistic sphere:

Vic Towell, world bantam king, made short work of Scotland's Bobby Boland at the Wembley Stadium and was jointly promoted by the White City and Wembley Sporting Clubs on September 1. Towell came in at 123 while Boland tipped the beam at 121. As the match had been made at 122, Boland claimed a £50 forfeit.

Boland was the first to attack and it appeared from the first minute that at last we were to see a boxer who would not back pedal from Towell. The Scot landed three minor attacks in the first two minutes but Towell soon had him sized up, and working him into a neutral corner he landed in quick succession two lefts and a smashing right to the jaw that dropped Boland in his tracks with his head hanging over the lower rope. Boland made an effort to rise at five but didn't have sufficient strength to more than twist his body and the referee tolled off the fatal ten. The fight was over in 2 minutes 46 seconds and was both Towell's quickest win and first clear cut KO over an overseas opponent.

Lou Strydom, 213, met his first overseas opponent when he faced Giorgio Milan, 189¾, Italian heavyweight champion. Strydom was a clear points winner over ten rounds but could have shown up to better advantage had he fought more intelligently. He fought a stereotyped fight. The South African has a lot to learn and has yet to convince the critics that his jaw is not made of material that shatters too easily.

Danie van Graan, 146¾, South African welter champion, dropped his first decision as a professional when he lost on a disqualification to Mannetjie Roux, 149½, in the second round. Van Graan was ruled out for an alleged low punch.

Eddie Theron, 191¾, beat Fred McCoy, 180½, on a KO in the second round.

Teddy Quinn, 150½, beat Chris Jansen, 147, on points over four rounds.

Peter Galleymore, 149½, Natal welter champion, beat Johnny McCoy, 155, on a KO in the sixth round.

Joe Munro, 157½, KO'ed Gillie van der Westhuizen, 152¼, in 16 seconds of the first round. The bout was over without van der Westhuizen having landed a punch and was his first KO loss.

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The Wembley Sporting Club promoted a tournament in the Germiston Town Hall, Sept. 8, with the following results:

Tony Habib, 134½, beat Harry Marner, 138, on a KO in the second round.

Bokkie Grobelar, 128, caused quite an upset by decisively outpointing highly regarded Gerry Olivier, 136.

Paul McIntyre, 152½, outpointed Blackie Williams, 142, over four rounds.

John Drever, 142½, beat Albert Strydom, 143½, on points over four rounds.

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Peter Keenan, by virtue of his win over Luis Romero, has been offered a title fight with Vic Towell in Johannesburg for November 24.

Towell says he will have no difficulty in making the weight for a title defence with Keenan.

George Hunter, S.A. cruiser champion, has been matched with Giorgio Milan, the Italian.

Lou Strydom and Johnny Arthur will meet shortly to contest the vacant South African heavyweight championship which Piet Strydom relinquished this year in favor of the pulpit.

# TIMELY CHATTER *in* GREAT BRITAIN

## *By* JOHN S. SHARPE

CARLISLE—Rees Moore, 143½, Luton, outscored Jimmy Brogden, 143, Manchester, over ten fast rounds to notch a points decision. Wally Diamond, 178, Jamaica, put the skids under Brian McTigue, 173, Wigan, in 19 seconds of the first round. The time included the count. Bob Rhodes, 156½, Preston, stopped Johnny Reeves, 149½, Manchester, in the fifth. Harry Lucas, 131½, Hawick, was too clever for Don Scott, 127, Carlisle, and won a six-rounds points decision.

SHEFFIELD—Frank Walshaw, 179, Barnsley, knocked out Len Brown, 183, Harrow, in the second round. Brown was knocked clean through the ropes and couldn't get back in time to beat the count. Johnny Bird, 129, Stretford, knocked out Reuben Whitehead, 127, Thorne, in the eighth and last session. Colin Booth, 138, Oldham, knocked out Mickey Stansack, 136, Carlisle, 136, in the third round. Paddy Gordon, 144, Manchester, kayoed Neil Coates, 142, Moorend, in the third. Johnny Ross, 128, Barnsley, was too strong for Ron Tyson, 128, Skipton, in their scheduled six-rounder, and knocked his game opponent out in the second round.

CHESTERFIELD—Terry McDonald, 188, Cudworth, knocked out Johnny Walsh, 185, Eire, in the third. Vince Dundee, 136, Chesterfield, knocked out Tom Berry, 138, Nottingham, in the second. Rocco King, 162½, Shirebrook, outpointed Johnny Ling, 168, Doncaster, in a closely contested four-rounder. Cliff Terry, 105, Birmingham, stopped George Homer, 105, Nottingham, in the fifth.

MORECAMBE—Joe Corcoran, 148, Huddersfield, outpointed Bobby Graham, 149, Salford, over eight rounds. Roy Bennett, 129, Salford, took only 1.43 of the first round to K.O. George Towle, 126, Beeston. Billy Needham, 132, Nottingham, outpointed Billy Billington, Golborne, over six rounds. Billy Johnson, 143, Barrow, took quite a beating from Ron Pearce, 140, Nottingham, before the referee called a halt in the third. Bob Simmons, 148, Nottingham, seemed a trifle unlucky to lose by a disqualification in the fourth round to Peter Walmsley, 149, Preston.

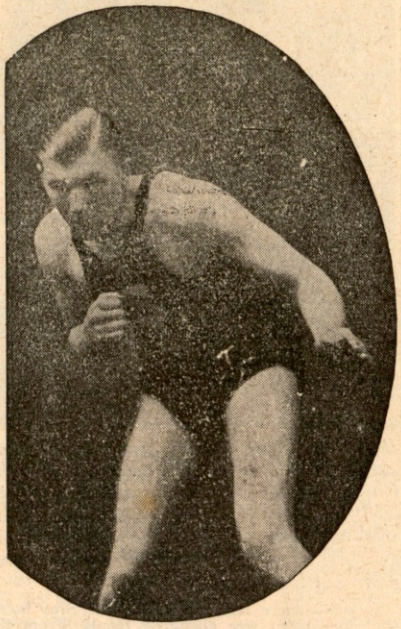
Portsmouth—Johnny Carrington, 142½, Nottingham, outpointed Stan Parkes, 137½, over eight rounds. Peter Fay, 120¾, Bournemouth, easily defeated Ken Diston, 120¾, Hendon, over eight rounds. Gene Caffrey, 132, Glasgow, outpointed Ken Ryan, 127½, Islington, over eight rounds while over a similar distance Peter Indaco, 135½, outpointed Johnny Hudson, 137, Covent Garden. Ken Lawrence, 120, Southampton, outpointed Billy Daniels, 125½, Bow, over eight rounds. Dave Elms, 178, Brighton, outpointed Dinny Powell, 182¾, Walworth, over four rounds. Jackie Wilson, 136½, West Ham, outpointed Laurie Henry, 134½, Jamaica, over four rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Paddy Slavin, 191, Belfast, outpointed Ansell Adams, 198½, Trinidad, over ten rounds. Zeke Brown, 131½, Jamaica, knocked out Billy Connolly, 128½, Liverpool, in the fifth. Kit Pompey, 151, Jamaica, knocked out Pat Ryan, 160, Widnes, in the first. Johnny Butterworth, 127, Rochdale, stopped Roy Thomas, 125, Liverpool, in the first. Sid Charles, 114, Bolton, outpointed Sid Hiom, 116, Nottingham, over six rounds. Colin Clitheroe, 112, Preston, stopped Jimmy Roe, 114, Chester, in the first.

BOREHAM WOOD—Gene Fowler, 178, Canada, scored an eight-rounds points win over Al Allottey, 180, Gold Coast. Roy Paine, 135, Notting Hill, knocked out Doug Sherlock, 138¼, Oxford, in the second. Jack McCarthy, 143, Hornchurch, stopped Pat Thain, 144, Canvey in the second. Dave Griffiths, 178, New Cross, outpointed Joe Mullagh, 174, Oxford, over six rounds. Denny Taylor, 150, High Wycombe, got the nod over Steve Brimah, 147½, Gold Coast, over six rounds, while Mick Angel, 150½, Cricklewood, outpointed Ernie Babic, 149½, St. Albans, over a similar distance.

PRESTON—Johnny Sullivan, 158, Preston, scored a convincing win when he knocked out Ron Crogan, 161, Paddington, in the second. Johnny Black, 108¾, Preston, and Jeff Oscroft, 111, Sutton, boxed ten uninteresting rounds to a draw. Bob Rhodes, 157¾, Preston, knocked out Gerry Hames, 157, Nottingham, in the second. Peter Smith, 142½, Huddersfield, fought hard to outpoint Mias Johnson, 143, Derby, over six rounds. Keith Edmunds, 127, Leyland, and Johnny Spittle, 129½, Barnsley, fought four rounds to a draw.

WEST HARTLEPOOL—Reg Spring, 178, Southall, knocked out Wally Diamond, 177½, Nigeria, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder. Eric Payne, 120½, Grimsby, outpointed Terry Gaynor, 119, Stockton, over six rounds. Pete Davis, 148½, Slough, stopped Reg Plummer, 150½, Billingham, in the sixth. Len James, 141¼, West Hartlepool, stopped Jack Vickers, 143, Middlesborough, in the fourth. Johnny Marshall, 140, Wolviston, stopped George Palmer, 140, Dormanstown, in the first.



*Tommy Farr, who almost fifteen years ago fought Joe Louis for the world heavyweight title, recently gave one of his best comeback performances when he easily outpointed the American heavyweight, Steve McCall.*

SCARBOROUGH—Harold Palmer, 138, Doncaster, knocked out Neil Parkes, 138½, Leeds, in the fourth. Jeff Walters, 133, Scarborough, and Tommy Rushworth, 138, Leeds, put up a terrific fight for five rounds before Rushworth floored Walters, and the latter rising in a very dazed condition, was unable to continue. Jock McCready, 133, Doncaster, outpointed Jackie Smith, 133, Elland, over six rounds. Teddy Teal, 147, Doncaster, outpointed Johnny Delmore, 141, Leeds, over four rounds. Tony Kaye, Leeds, stopped Dave Adams, York, in the second.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE — Gordon Hazell, 162, Bristol, outpointed Ken Rowlands, 159, Mardy, over eight rounds. Johnny Byrne, 157, Bristol, outpointed Andy Oliver, 159½, Fulham, over eight rounds. Les Daw, 116½, Dagenham, outpointed Dickie Sullivan, 120 Weston-Super-Mare, over six rounds, while Diny Powell, 183, Walworth, outpointed Jack Curran, 190½, Ireland, over a similar distance. Mike Hughes, 136, Netheravon, stopped Roy Smith, 141, Frome, in the fifth.

WANDSWORTH—Tommy McGovern, 134½, Bermondsey, became the British Lightweight Champion when he knocked out the holder, Billy Thompson, 134¾, Hickleton Main, in 45 seconds of the first round. Thompson, who entered the ring looking drawn and tired, had obviously found making the lightweight limit a severe strain. A blow high on Thompson's forehead floored him for six, and when he arose in a bad state, a beautiful right cross to the jaw put him down and out for the full count. Tommy Barnham, 134½, Fulham, who boxes as though he wrote the book, was rapidly revealing his supremacy against hard hitting Laurie Buxton, 137, Watford, when Buxton received a badly cut eyebrow, and the referee called a halt. Billy Ambrose, 150¾, Stepney, seemed fortunate to receive the referee's decision over Jeff Tite, 147¾, Spratton, over eight rounds. Freddie King, 127¾, Wandsworth, stopped Benny "Kid" Chocolate, 125½, in the fourth. Jimmy Davis, 161¾, Bethnal Green, outpointed Wally Beckett, 161, Carshalton, over eight rounds. Bernard Pugh, 128¾, Liverpool, stopped Charlie Tucker, 126, Walworth, in the fifth. Ogli Tetty, 111, Gold Coast, stopped Henry Carpenter, 113½, Peckham, in the fifth. Danny Hurley, 136, Morden, knocked out George Parmeter, 132½, Battersea, in the second.

CHELMSFORD—Bobby Fish, 162, Harlow, and Eddie Webb, 159, Jamaica, drew over eight rounds. Arthur Garrett, 143½, Malta, outpointed Fred Balio, 150, West Africa. Johnny Moore, 123½, Stoke Newington, stopped Alf Gange, 123, Walworth, in the fifth. Jon Lovell, 138, Dalston, stopped George Goodsell, 137, Cambridge, in the fifth. George Neville, 144½, Romford, knocked out Alby Brown, 146, Islington, in the fourth. Les Kirk, 147½, Finchley, knocked out Bernie Newcombe, 146, Dagenham, in the first.

MORECAMBE—Les Johnson, 179, Jamaica, knocked out Peter Day, 180, Liverpool, in fifty seconds of the first round. Billy Davenport, 142, Bolton, knocked out Billy Hill, 143, Barnsley, in sixty-five seconds of the first round. Bob Peterson, 162, Barnsley knocked out Ron Gledhill, 156, Waterfoot, in the fourth. Jack Duncan, 146, Bolton, took four counts in the first session and two in the second of his contest with Albert Smith, 142, Elland, before the referee called a halt. Billy Timmins, 145, Huddersfield, outpointed Jack Hartley, 146, Barnsley, over six rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Wally Thom, 146, Liverpool, now matched with Eddie Thomas, Wales, for the latter's British Welterweight Crown, suffered his first defeat as a professional at the hands of Jimmy Molloy, 146½, Liverpool, when he received a badly cut eyebrow in the second round and was forced to retire. Billy Ellaway, 159, Liverpool, stopped Jackie Brown, 161, Belfast, in the third. Al Brown, 136, British Guiana, outpointed George Bailey, 137, Liverpool, over eight rounds. Stan Skinkiss, 127½, Manchester, outpointed Black Bond, 124¾, Jamaica, over eight rounds. Roy Johnson, 154, Liverpool, outpointed Rex Brian, 149, Wrexham, over six rounds. Tommy Mac 134, St. Helens, knocked out Pat O'Flaherty, 130, Liverpool, in the first session.

BANGOR—Tommy Farr, 204¾, Wales, gave one of his best comeback performances, when he easily outpointed Steve McCall, 198½, U.S.A., over ten rounds. Eddie Thomas, British and Empire Welterweight Champion, and Giel de Roode, Holland, put up a slam-bang contest for ten rounds before Thomas was returned the winner. Billy Gibson, 113, Fishburn, and George Sutton, 117½, Cardiff, drew over eight rounds. Glyn David, Welsh Flyweight Champion, was disqualified in the eighth and last round against Marky Harrison, West Hartlepool, for an alleged low blow. Jackie Sutton, Welsh Bantamweight Champion, and Glyn Evans, Askern, drew over eight rounds.

GLASGOW—British Bantamweight Champion Peter Keenan, 117, Scotland, annexed the European Bantamweight Crown when he boxed fifteen brainy rounds against the holder, Luis Romero, 118, Spain, at Firhill Park.

Romero tried hard to get Keenan to come in and swap punches with him, but the canny Scot had his blueprint for victory and stuck to it, content to box his way to a certain points win.

Dai Davies, 125, Skewen, outpointed the Scottish Featherweight Champion George Stewart, 125, Hamilton, in a ten-round British title eliminator. Allan Tanner, 134, British Guiana, scored a clever points win over Tommy McMenamy, 135, Belfast. Willie Armstrong, 162, Scottish Middleweight King, knocked out Jimmy James, 160, Jamaica, in the first round. Tommy Miller, 125, West Lothian, outpointed Dante Venturi, 127, Italy, over eight rounds.

NEWCASTLE—Teddy Gardner, 111¾, West Hartlepool, who is rapidly emerging as a challenger to Terry Allen for the latter's British Flyweight Title, scored a good win when he stopped Joe Cairney, 110, Coatbridge, in the eighth of a scheduled ten-rounder. Billy Dixon, 134, West Ham, took quite a beating from Billy Elliott, 136, Glasgow, before the referee called a halt in the fourth. Tony McTigue, 134, Wigan, outpointed Billy Shaw, 137, Manchester, over eight rounds. Charlie Currey, 148, Coatbridge, outpointed Dave Brandon, 149, Langley Park, over six rounds. Johnny Marshall, 139, West Hartlepool, lost on a disqualification in the third, to Jack Guyatt, 140, Nottingham.

ULSTER HALL, BELFAST—Bunty Adamsworth, 144½, Banbridge, outpointed Len Ashworth, 145, Burnley, over eight rounds. Roy Baird, 140, Birmingham, defeated Gerry Hassett, 140, Belfast, when the latter was disqualified in the third session for an alleged low blow. Des Lennan, 133½, Banbridge, stopped Jim Hamilton, 134½, Belfast, in the fourth. Rocky Thompson, 162½, Newtownards, knocked out Jim Stewart, 154¾, Belfast, in the second.

DUCKMANTON—Jeff Oscroft, 110, Sutton-in-Ashfield, outpointed Sid Hiom, 115, Nottingham, over six rounds. Mias Johnson, 143, Jacksdale, knocked out Billy Mahon, 146, Notting-

ham, in the fifth. Colin Malone, 134, Lincoln, outpointed Nel Williamson, 139, Shirebrook, over six rounds. Peter Wain, 167, Heage, lost a narrow points decision to Rex Bell, 173, Lincoln, over four rounds.

BOURNEMOUTH—Peter Fay, 122, Bournemouth, outpointed Ken Lawrence, 120, Southampton, over eight rounds. It was Lawrence's first professional setback. Gordon Goodman, 138, Christchurch, outpointed Des Garrod, 137, Paddington, over eight. Al Gunning, Trinidad, stopped Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, in the second. Ivor Hall, 164½, Plymouth, and Frank Bassenger, 164½, Poole, fought six hard rounds to a draw, while Ted Farmer, 176½, Portsmouth, outpointed Jim Croot, 180, Croot, over six rounds.

BRISTOL—Theo Nolten, 118, Dutch Fly and Bantamweight Champion, was very unlucky to lose to Norman Tennant 117½, Scotland, when after being well ahead on points, he had to retire with a badly damaged eyebrow. Reg Spring, 181¼, Southall, and Gene Fowler, 176¾, Canada, put up a smashing fight for two rounds before Spring retired with a damaged eyebrow. Sammy Milsom, Radstock, fought back well in his eight-rounder with Ken Millson, Doncaster, after being well behind on points, but he started his rally too late and lost on points. Bryn Jones, 151½, Bristol, was outpointed by Ron Kensington, 147½, Tooting, over six rounds. Len Grainger, 135½, Bristol, outscored Mickey Green, 137, Warrington, over eight rounds. Des Broad, 133½, Bristol, stopped Mike Hennessey, 129½, Swindon, in the fourth. Bruce McAlpine, 143½, Southampton, stopped Bill Rigers, 139½, Eastleigh, in the third.

WATFORD TOWN HALL—Tommy Hinson, 145½, Dagenham, gave a thoroughly competent display to outpoint Morley Nightingale, 145½, Wicken, over eight rounds. Harry Warner, 146, Dagenham, outpointed Ossie Willson, 147½, Northampton, over eight rounds. Jimmy Brewer, 118¾, outpointed George Small, 120, Fulham, over six rounds. Jimmy Kane, 123¼, Corby, and Alf Gange, 123, Walworth, fought six hard rounds to a draw. Arthur Garrett, 144, Malta, stopped Pat Thain, 144, Coventry, in the 4th. Jack McCarthy, 145½, Hornchurch, stopped Ernie Babic, 146½ Luton, in the third with a cut over the eye.

MILE END ARENA—Alf Hines, 175, West Ham, outpointed Brian Anders, 167, Brighton, over eight fast moving, hard hitting rounds. Ken Bebbington, 146, West Ham, stopped George Happe, 148, Bethnal Green, in the first. Jimmy Jennings, 114, Clapton, outscored Les Carter, 114, West Ham, over six rounds. Ronnie King, 149, Walworth, stopped Harold Urch, 145, Cross Keys, in the second. Billy Coulter, 155, West Ham, notched a six-round points win over Fred Foley, 158, West Ham. Ken Tisor, 137½, Luton, outpointed Alby Brown, 144½, Islington, over six rounds.

BELFAST—Billy "Spider" Kelly, 127½, Derry, didn't have it all his own way in his eight-rounder with Harry Croker, 124½, Leeds, but he managed to pull out just enough to take a narrow win. Sammy Hamilton, 149, Belfast, stopped Leo Deehan, 143½, Derry, in the fourth. Bob Gourlay, 137½, Derry, stopped Johnny Thompson, 134½, Millbay, in the fourth. Alex McCready, 117½, Conlig, and Ginger Walker, 113, Belfast, drew over four rounds, as did Gerry O'Niel, 130½ Belfast, and Jackie Davidson, 127½, Belfast. Bob McKay, 132, Islandmagee, stopped Mickey Linden, 132½, Belfast, in the second.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Bill Jackson, 162, Jamaica, decisively outpointed Bert Sanders, 161¾, Kilburn, over ten rounds. Israel Boyle, 149½, stopped Joe Baille, 154, Glasgow, in the seventh. Johnny Butterworth, 127, Rochdale, outpointed Tommy Mason, 130, Liverpool, over six rounds. Dan Collie, 123½, Nigeria, knocked out Tommy Mack, 126¼, St. Helens, in the second. Les Herbert, 126, Widnes, outpointed Roy Thomas, 125, Liverpool, over six rounds.

SOUTH SHIELDS—Joe Maseko, 161¼, South Africa, stopped Michael Stack, 159, Leamington Spa, in the sixth. Stack retired with a damaged left hand. Rocco King, 159½, Askern, and Jimmy Storey, 158¾, Aycliffe, put up a terrific six-rounder with the nod going to King in the fourth, when Storey had taken four counts. Irvin Newton, 132½, Moorends, outpointed Don Scott, 129, Carlisle, over six rounds. Mickey Stazak, 136¼, Ashton-under-Lyne, put up a great show against Billy Kane, 133, Newcastle, to lose narrowly on points over six rounds. Ray Hillyard, 120¼, Leeds, won from George Henderson, 128, Chopwell, over four rounds.

STAMFORD—Harold Palmer, 142, Doncaster, proved too strong for Arthur Wright, 132, Peterborough, and knocked him out in the sixth. Tommy Berry, 138, Nottingham, and Billy Needham, 136, Hucknall, fought a draw over six rounds. Bill Mahon, 149, Nottingham, punched too hard for Cyril Smith, 149, Leicester, and the bout was stopped in the second. Tom Middleton, 150, Stamford, outpointed Jock Sims, 151, Mansfield, over six rounds. Billy Delmistro, 139½, Leicester, was disqualified in the sixth and final round of his contest with Colin Malone, 133, Lincoln, for an alleged kidney punch.

PORTSMOUTH—Mickey O'Sullivan, 116½, scored a well-earned points win over Jimmy Webster, 119½, Canning Town, over eight rounds. Eddie Cardew, 148½, Holloway, was fortunate to secure the referee's decision over Piet Van Staden, 149, South Africa, after eight rounds. The verdict was badly received. Stan Salter, 125½, Deptford, was unlucky to lose to Frank Johnson, 128½, Manchester, when after leading on points he received a bad cut below the left eye and was forced to retire. Dudley Cox, 156¾, outpointed Eddie Clancey, 158, Ireland, over six rounds. Vince Wallace, 158½, Islington, outscored Jack Mason, 156½, Bournemouth, over six rounds, while Jack Longford, 187½, Croyden, and Jack Curran, 192½, Ireland, drew over six rounds.

WEMBLEY TOWN HALL—Fred Powell, 189½, Walworth, and Ted Morgan, 180, Worcester, put up a fight that would have excited even the most hardened fan, with Powell taking four counts and Morgan nine counts. The bout went on in this frenzied fashion, with first one then the other lad gaining command, while the crowd stood on its toes with excitement. It was Powell who lasted the better and took a narrow points decision. Ron King, 148, Brixton, who is coming along by leaps and bounds, knocked out Jack Allpress, 149¾, Bexley Heath, in the first round. Lew Lazar, 149, Aldgate, won from Ron Kensington, 148½ Tooting, when the latter was disqualified in the third round. Dave Elmes, 174, Brighton, stopped Dave Griffiths, 175, New Cross, in the second round. Wally Curtis, 175, Swindon, stopped Johnny Apee, 174, Welling, in the second. Jimmy McLaughlin, 138, Hackney, outpointed Hugh O'Donnell, 139½, over six rounds. The Fighting Kray twins, Ron and Reg, Bethnal Green, brought off a double, when Reg, 136, stopped George Goodsell, 139, Cambridge, in the third, and Ron stopped Bernie Long, 136½, Romford, in the third.

BELFAST—Tom Meli, 160¾, outpointed Alf O'Niell, 158¼, Chopwell, over eight rounds. Pat Kelly, 133¾, Belfast, knocked out Jimmy Ford, 131¾, Newcastle, in the second. Billy Taylor, 117½, Stirling, stopped Joe Quinn, 121½, Belfast, in the fifth. Jackie Willis, 118½, Lisburn, outpointed Billy Skelly, 117½, Belfast, over eight. Jackie Robinson, 125½, Belfast, outscored Johnny Adair, 123, Belfast, over six rounds.

CARLISLE—Les Johnston, 179, Manchester, outpointed Tommy Caswell, 172, Mitcham, over eight fast rounds. Francis Zibai, 183, Nigeria, knocked out George Scriven, 206, Downham, in the third. Ray Evans, 144, Lancaster, and Jackie Socks, 152, Chester, drew over six lively rounds. Gordon Riding, 137, Lancaster, knocked out Bert Donaldson, 139, Birmingham, in the third. Billy Merrins, 128, Carlisle, outpointed Don Scott, 130, Carlisle, over four rounds.

SCARBOROUGH—Billy Davenport, 141, Bolton, was awarded a six-round points verdict over Tommy Boyer, 142, South Elmshall, in a hard hitting bout. Jeff Walters, 136, Scarborough, outpointed Tommy Rushworth, 139, Leeds, over six rounds. Teddy Teal, 144, Doncaster, and Billy Timmins, 143, Huddersfield, punched away at each other for four rounds before the referee called it a draw. Johnny Spittle, 128, Ryhill, outpointed Tony Russell, 126, Leeds, over four rounds, while Albert Smith, 141, Elland, knocked out Johnny Delmore, 139, Leeds, in the third.

PLYMOUTH—Bos Murphy, 165¾, New Zealand, had an easy journey outpointing former British Welterweight Champion Henry Hall, 160¾, Sheffield, over eight rounds. Johnny Carrington, 138½, Nottingham, outpointed Emmett Kenny, 139, St. Helens, over eight rounds. Peter Fay, 118, Bouremouth, was unfortunate in having to retire with a badly cut eyebrow in the seventh of his eight-rounder with Johnny Barclay, 117, Ickenham, after having all the better of the exchange. Roy Coote, 135, Falmouth, and Len Grainger, 133, Bristol, fought eight hard rounds to a draw. Paul King, 146, Torquay, outpointed Owen Randall, 144, Skindon, over six rounds. Pat Gamble, 143, Devonport, outpointed Bob Johnson, 149, Plymouth, over six rounds.

SPALDING—Frank Priest, 161, Northampton, stopped Hugh Kirk, 155, Wisbech, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder, with a badly damaged eyebrow. Tom Berry, 136, Nottingham, and Bill Needham, 132, Beeston, put up a terrific six-round display with Berry narrowly gaining the nod. Dennis Collins, 140, knocked out Bruce Harris, 143, Walpole, in the third.

BELFAST—Des Lennon, 134, Banbridge, outpointed Mickey Campbell, 131¾, Nottingham, over eight rounds. Sandy Brown, 121, Belfast, outpointed Jim Fisher, 122½, Belfast, over six rounds. Bert Wallace, 127, Belfast, outpointed Dick O'Brien, 126, Belfast, over four rounds. Billy Graham, 114½ Lisburn, and Syd Neldon, 112¾, Islandmagee, drew over four rounds. Joe Collins, 118½, Lisburn, outpointed Bobby Bell, 120½, Belfast, over four rounds. Bob McKay, 133¼, outpointed Harry Spence, 134½, over four rounds.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Yolande Pompee, 173½, Trinidad, who is rapidly coming to the front rank of light-heavyweights, scored another good win, when he K.O.'ed Tony Lord, 166¾, Liverpool, in the third round. Billy Ellaway, 159½, Liverpool, knocked out Eddie Webb, 156, Jamaica, in the third. Les Dean, 147, Hanley, stopped Tommy Barnabas, 153, Holywell, in the second. Chick Brogan, 117, Glasgow, outpointed Colin Clitheroe, 114, Preston, over six rounds. Peter Walmsley, 146, Preston, outscored Jackie Thomas, 149, Liverpool, after four rounds. Billy Ashcroft, 126, Wigan, notched a four-round win over Derek Clark, 130, Burnley.

A WHIRL AROUND THE FISTIC SCENE—Long faces everywhere around greeted the news of Randy Turpin's New York defeat by "Sugar" Ray Robinson . . . while wondering what might have happened had the bout continued. General consensus here is that Referee Ruby Goldstein was absolutely right in stopping the contest. . . . British Flyweight Champion Terry Allen preparing for his overseas jaunt to meet World Champ Dado Marino in Honolulu on November 1st, with Marino's title at stake. . . . Peter Keenan, British Bantamweight Champ, edging toward a tilt at Vic Toweels' world title. . . . Spider Kelly, Derry, son of the former British Featherweight Champion of the same name, is going great guns in his native Ireland, and preparing to meet the best. . . . Former World Flyweight Champion Jackie Peterson, and family, preparing to emigrate to Detroit, Mich., where Jackie has business plans. . . . Negotiations afoot to match British Empire Featherweight King, Roy Ankarah, Accra, with the winner of the Pep-Saddler set-to . . . if and when?

## VIENNA, AUSTRIA, BOXING NEWS

By Leo Vollnhofer

ON August 17, Otto Nesladek, one of our leading welters, weighing in at 145½, scored a TKO victory against Austria's lightweight champ, Karl Machart, who came in at 141. Nesladek floored Machart for an eight count in the first and second. The third was even. The fourth went to Machart on a small margin, but in the fifth Machart went down three times and when he went down again in the sixth, the referee stopped the fight.

Austria's heavyweight champ, Kurt Schiegl, 204½, decisioned one of Germany's leading heavyweights, Berlin's Heinz Titze, 189, who KO'ed Luxembourg's Werner Wiegand before coming to Vienna. The fight was very close.

Austria's welterweight champ, Ernst Walter, 147, had to defend his title against tough challenger Kurt Ibl, 146. It was to be the biggest disappointment of the evening. The first round went to Walter. The second to Ibl, who was warned for hitting twice below the belt. In the third the bout ended. Walter received another low blow and could not continue. The referee disqualified Ibl.

It was erroneously printed in the last issue that Eli scored a points win against Hein Wiesner. The Belgium won on a TKO in the tenth after flooring the Austrian boy several times.

## FROM PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By Sandy Parkinson

YOUNG FINNEGAN, 145½, after losing to Tito Despaigne in Colombia, journeyed to our shores and handed out a ten round convincing points victory over Boswell St. Louis, 144, the lightweight champion of the British West Indies.

In the semi-final, Len Houston, the singing boxer from British Guiana, and H. Constance won in a welterweight scrap.

The two importations, Finnegan and Houston, were seconded by George Beckles. He is also a referee, trainer, managers' representative and boxing expert. Trinidad I believe is one of the few places in the world that allows a referee to have an interest in boxers.

In the G. Marcano-L. Downs lightweight tilt, Marcano was given the nod. The decision was received with mixed feelings.

Young Alleyne "fouled out" Young Syd Brown to win on a TKO. The referee took some time to stop the contest after Brown collapsed.

A fair crown including His Excellency Sir Hubert Rance and Consul for Panama, braved the inclement weather to witness this international and intercolonial card. The promotion was by George Whitehead, one of the few men capable of bringing good boxers to Trinidad.

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Valentin Angelman, whose correct name was really Augelmann.

The Italians have a very far-flung empire indeed, in terms of boxing. Gunner Bennett, Alf Mancini and Ernie Rice, in Britain, Adolfo Minetti in Finland, Bobby Donatello in Sweden, and Ettore Santella in Luxembourg, all trace their origins to the land beyond the Alps. The Belgian lightweight, Hermann Korber, who has yet to be knocked off his feet, was sired by an Austrian father and a Polish mother, whilst several leading Finnish boxers, past and present, are of Swedish blood. Gunnar Barlund, Elis Ask and Leo Ljungberg belong to this category. Similarly, many Austrians are of Slav descent, such as Heinz Lazek, Kochmannowitsch and Swoboda, to name a few, whilst many of those mysterious Russian ring stars derive from Esthonia and Lithuania.

Such a discussion would not be complete without mention of negro gladiators, who are particularly prominent in countries like Britain, France and Portugal, who have African possessions. Negroes are a rarity in Germany and Scandinavia, but many coloured fighters have held French titles.

## TUNISIANS DEBARRED

ALL boxers from French colonies are entitled to challenge for the French national crown, but this privilege is not permitted to protectorates, thus Tunisians like Tijani are debarred from shots at the French, and eventually, at the European titles. Battling Siki first won for France a championship by upsetting the fistic world with a knockout victory over Carpentier, and since then there have been many notables to follow in his wake.

Assane Diouf, Kid Janas, Lucien Corenthin, Omar le Noiy and Said Kaddour were all full-blooded negroes, whilst Algerians like Omar Kouidri and Albert Yvel have likewise fought their war to the French throne and finally to a European title. Most Portuguese battlers are negroes, coming from the Cape Verde Islands or from Mozambique. Jorge Larsen, who held the welter title a couple of years ago, was the son of a Danish father and a negro mother, whilst Leone Jacovacci, whose father was a Roman engineer and whose mother came from the Congo, held the Italian middles crown during the 'twenties. Eli Elandon, from the Belgian Congo, is the current challenger for the Belgian cruiser title, thus copying the example of Al Baker, who reigned over the Belgian welters and middles for a long time prior to the war.

Add to all this the fact that Walter Momber, the French welter champion of a few years back, was the son of an Englishman, and that the challenger for the French lightheavy crown is an Armenian, Hairabedian, it would truly be safe to say that boxing is the most international of sports. It is impossible to rate a fighter's ability according to his nationality, as men were prone to do at the turn of the century. When two men face each other within the bounds of a squared circle, it is a test of individual quality.

The humblest peasant from whatever miserable village can gain the respect of his fellow-men by displaying in the ring courage and a will to learn. As most of the " submerged tenth " can boast of these qualities, the fight game will not run short of excellent material for many generations to come.

The one saving quality about the fickle fight fan is that he will definitely root for the fighter with guts, regardless of the man's race or creed. There's a moral there somewhere, though it's hard to place, and it seems that Robbie Burns summed it up best of all when he said " A man's a man for a' that." A nifty right-hander is the best social equaliser a-going.

Mr. Arthur Koch, the popular Swedish referee, has decided to take no further part in boxing affairs, either amateur or professional. His letter to the EBU announcing his resignation followed the action of the British Boxing Board of Control, who objected to Koch officiating at the Jack Gardner—Hein ten Hoff bout in Berlin, on the grounds that Koch was born in Germany. This action was surely a little uncalled-for, to say the least.

Arthur Koch was living in Britain when the first World War broke out, was interned in the Isle of Man camp whence emanated the first German champions, Breitenstraeter and Prenzel. At the end of the war, the ex-internee travelled to Sweden and Finland, and was one of boxing's earliest pioneers in the north. He has been a Swedish citizen for 32 years. The obvious advantage of having such a referee for the Berlin bout would be the third man's mastery of both English and German. How much longer must he hold a Swedish passport before the conservative B.B.B. of C. recognize him as a Swede ? Or does the board intend to search the family tree of every prospective referee for international contests which involve a British fighter ?

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INTEREST has revived in the welterweight division recently in Italy. This is due to the signal defeat which Luigi Valentini inflicted on ancient Michele Palermo and to the announcement that Charles Humez has renounced the European welter title due to weight difficulties. In truth, Valentini is nothing extra-special in the way of fistic material and is no newcomer to the game. He had four fights in the States during 1948, where his style won him many supporters.

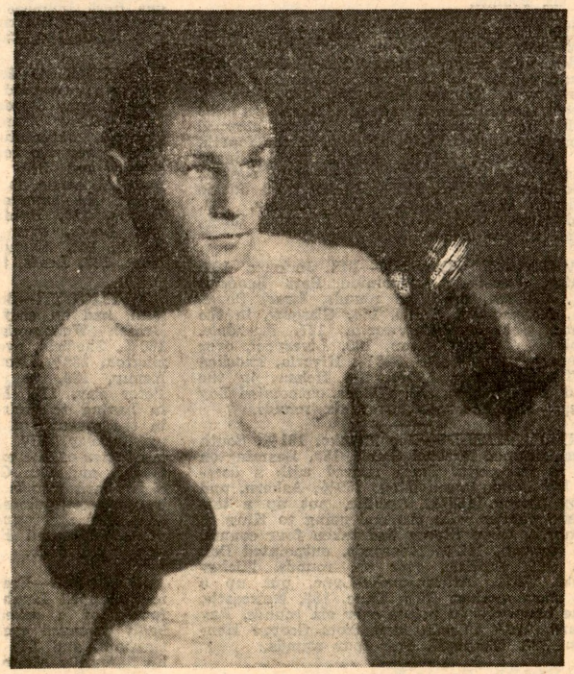
In fact, your writer had many letters from America asking why Valentini was not listed in the first ten among Continentals. But in Europe, the good Luigi has been very much of an in-and-outer, that is, until this present Year of Grace, in which the curly-haired Roman has won all but one of his contests. Early in the year he fought in Scotland, where he flattened Willy Whyte, and won over the champion Scotsmen won't like this, but they had to get an Englishman, Jeff Tite, up to Glasgow to teach Valentini better manners among strangers. Tite won a close affair on points.

Then Valentini was involved in eliminators to find a worthy challenger for the Old Lion of Napoli, Michele Palermo alias Kid Frattini Aldo Vinci and Carlo Mola being defeated on points, the Roman gladiator went on to dethrone the balding blond from Catania. With Humez on the European throne, no expectations could be held out for the humble Luigi, but now that the Frenchman has deserted the welter ranks the Italians feel confident that their champion stands at least a fighting chance against the rest of the prospective contenders.

Another Italian with an equally good claim for consideration is the aforementioned Carlo Mola, who has been battling away these many years all over Europe, without the gratification of having won even a national title. Yet Mola was the man to show Chris Christensen that the Dane still has an awful lot to learn before he can be considered as a challenger. The verdict was a draw but the Danish press was unanimous in awarding the laurels to the Italian, who had his man completely tied up for most of the combat.

At the age of 26, Mola has had 65 professional fights, and won 34 of these, with ten more resulting in draws. He has twice defeated Valentini, and has won over such diehards as Gilbert Stock, Gilbert Ussin and Clavel. Naturally, a fighter who competes in foreign rings cannot expect to obtain build-up fights, and only gets the offer of meeting tough hombres who have run out of local opposition. In his travels, Mola has collided with such notables as Charles Humez, Delmine and Stan Hawthorne (then in full kayo form), all of whom treated the visitor harshly. The Milanese is indeed a trial-horse, but he also aspires to an Italian crown, and may make things uncomfortable for Valentini in a fourth meeting.

Finally, a youngster named Michele Polo has a hankering to get up among the crowned heads of Europe, and is currently gaining fistic experience in sunny Spain, where a fighter can certainly get employment if he doesn't mind blowing the decision to the native son. Polo kicked off as an amateur in 1948, and wound up as novices champion in that year. He joined the paid ranks last year, has had sixteen outings, of which he has lost but one



*OLAVI OUVINEN*

*Twenty-five year old bantamweight from Finland whose recent win over Dante Bini caused a big upset. Ouvinen had a good amateur record before turning professional in* 1949. *Another of his victims was Leo Ljungberg, Finnish bantam champion.*

One of his early bouts was against the " Black Panther," Paolo Melis, with whom he shared honours, and later, Polo campaigned with success in Swiss rings, where he opposed imported French second series glovemen. The first opponent the Italian encountered in Spain was the powerful José Mombiela, but Polo mastered the Iberian's crude style and romped home an easy points winner. The Italian was subsequently defeated over the full distance by the Spanish champion, Antonio Monzon.

Although Polo possesses a workmanlike left, he generally opts for punching it out with his opponent, man to man. A very strong fellow, he usually emerges the victor from these close-quarter sallies. Boxing is the profession and also the favourite sport of the Italian prospect, although he still keeps busy with the family trade of bricklaying.

Of these three welter hopefuls, Polo probably stands the best chance of future success, but at present it is Valentini who will be selected to swap punches should an Italian be selected to fight for the vacant European crown. Elsewhere in Europe, Gustav Scholz of Germany and Pierre Langlois of France are being primed for shots at the international title. Eddie Thomas is temporarily out of the picture, owing to his defeat by Wally Thom, and Delmine, Christensen and Lavoine have likewise taken a back seat by reason of their losing bouts against Humez, Mola and Paolo Melis respectively. Scholz and Langlois, both of whom have been introduced in these pages recently, are definitely the outstanding Continentals in the welter division.

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## WATCH THIS FINN

A FEW words about a little Finn who scored an upset lately—Olavi Ouvinen. This northerner has only disputed four professional bouts, yet last August was able to turn the tables on such an experienced ringman as Dante Bini. Born in 1926, Ouvinen ran up a good amateur record before joining the paid ranks in 1949. Opponents are scarce in Finland, and promotions are few and far between, but Ouvinen was decidedly the better man when he clashed with Bini, a fighter who has given Zuddas two close battles, and who drew with Sam Conforti, etc. Another of Ouvinen's victims was the Finnish bantam champion, Leo Ljungberg, who was stopped in two rounds.

Ljungberg, by the way, is at present in Paris, under the aegis of Eugene Huat. The French manager was impressed by the Finn's style and brought him to the French capital for a second campaign there. Ljungberg made the journey once before, in 1949, when he knocked out Degryse and Pageot and beat Mario Lutti; he also had several fights in Sweden against imported French battlers, most of whom were stowed away before the limit. Ljungberg is only 22 and has bright prospect for the future.

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## AROUND THE MAP

IT is reported that Ingemar Johansson, the Swedish heavy, will shortly join the professionals and start his career in America. Although only nineteen, the tall Swede has already represented Europe in the Golden Gloves, and by reason of his Chicago victory may be considered as the world's amateur champion.

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. . . Willy Wimms, one-time welter champ of Belgium, has commenced a comeback. . . . In Holland, Giel De Roode has renounced his welter crown, and is allegedly retiring. Chief contenders will be Harry Bos and perhaps Theun Brommer. Van Kempen is not interested in the title right now (!) owing to other engagements. . . .

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Two Italian lightweights, Alfredo LaGrutta and Gianluigio Uboldi, will have left for the States by the time these lines appear. . . . Svend Wad, the Danish lightweight, showed more aggression than usual in his recent bouts, which has earned him several lucrative offers from abroad. . . . Luc Van Dam, who dabbles quite a bit in the promoting side, intends to run a welterweight competition in Rotterdam early in the New Year. The welters are Holland's strongest division, so we can understand why Luc picked on them. But why not make it a middleweight affair, and give Van Dam an opportunity to pick up some of his own money ?

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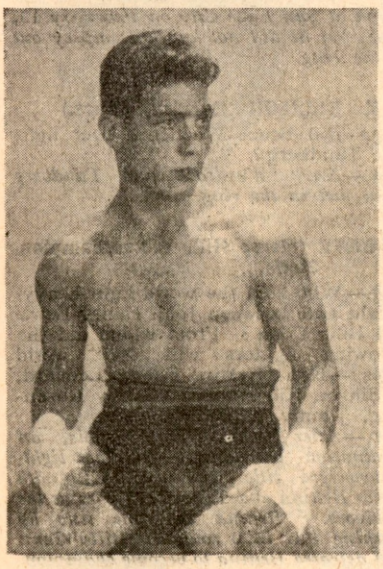
A cruiser from Darkest Africa, statuesque Alcantara, has joined the paid ranks, and won his first fight by a kayo. Of imposing physique, the negro showed little fistic promise as an amateur during last season's amateur championships. . . . The recent opponents of Germany's amateur team, Persia, were trained by a German, Hans Ziglarski, who represented his country in the Los Angeles Olympics. . . . The Belgian authorities have recognized Emile Delplanque as the Official flyweight champion of Belgium.



*MICHELE POLO*

*A young Italian welterweight who has ambitions to reach the highest honours. Has done a good deal of fighting in Spain. After joining the paid ranks last year he won 15 out of 16 bouts losing only to Paolo " Black Panther "*

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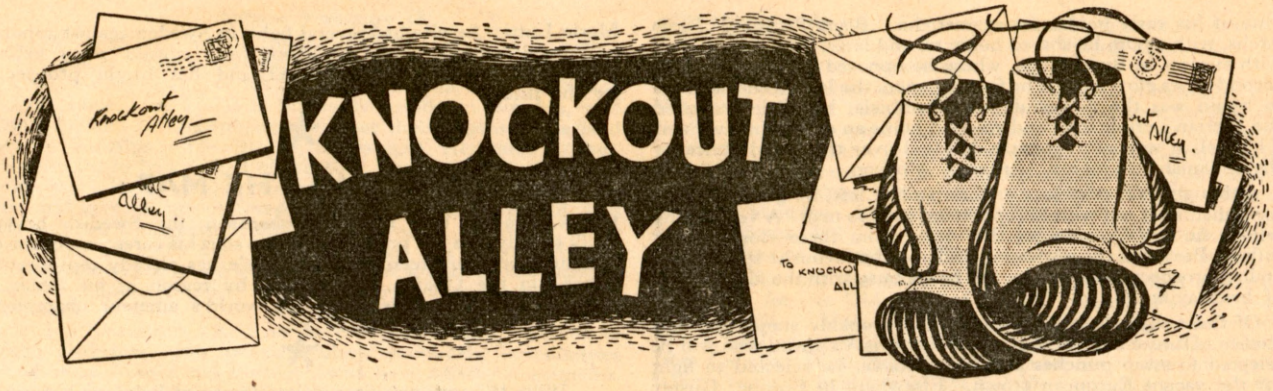


# YOUR COLUMN refereed by Charles Courage

**F. SPITTLE (Fallings Park, Wolverhampton).**

Q.—Who do you think would win the following fights, had the boxers met in their prime? Joe Louis *v.* Jack Dempsey; Georges Carpentier *v.* Bob Fitzsimmons; Ray Robinson *v.* Mickey Walker; Willie Pep *v.* Henry Armstrong; Tommy Farr *v.* Bob Fitzsimmons; Joe Louis *v.* Jim Jeffries; Sam Langford *v.* Jack Johnson.

*A.—Dempsey, Fitzsimmons, Walker, Armstrong, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Johnson.*

**A. DIXON (Odsal, Bradford).**

Q.—Who was the fighter who went around with a panther on a chain—I say Battling Siki, my friend says Jack Johnson? How did Siki and Johnson die?

*A.—Battling Siki used to go around in Paris with lion cubs on a chain. Siki died in a brawl in Hell's Kitchen, New York. Johnson was killed in a motoring accident.*

**VERNON HUMPHREYS (Swansea).**

Q.—Bruce Woodcock had 20 professional fights before meeting Jack London. How many of these did he win?

*A.—Woodcock won all 20 professional fights before fighting London for the title.*

**S. DOONAN (Earl Street, Glasgow).**

Q.—In championship fights, how long is each round and how long is the rest between the rounds?

*A.—In professional boxing in both England and America, the rounds last three minutes and there is one minute's interval between each round.*

**J. DURRELL (London, E.1).**

Q.—Was the Tommy Farr–Joe Louis fight televised in Britain?

*A.—No. It was broadcast, however, and Bob Bowman was the commentator.*

**C. CASSIDY (South Shields, Co. Durham)**

Q.—Am I correct in saying that Bruce Woodcock floored Joe Baksi in the 6th round of their fight?

*A.—No. Woodcock did not floor Baksi.*

**EDWARD TAYLOR (Cradley Heath, Staffs).**

Q.—Did Jack Johnson and Victor McLaglen, the film star, ever meet in a world title fight?

*A.—Jack Johnson beat Victor McLaglen over six rounds on March 10, 1909, at Vancouver, but this was not a world title fight.*

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**JAMES BINGHAM (Digby, Lancs.).**

Q.—Did Jim Warnock and Benny Lynch meet in an eliminating contest, the winner to fight Peter Kane for the title?

*A.—Jim Warnock and Benny Lynch met twice, but they were not championship eliminators. Both fights were at catch-weights. The first fight took place at Belfast, on March 11, 1936, Warnock winning on points over 12 rounds. The second fight took place in Glasgow, on June 2, 1937, and this time Warnock won on points over 15 rounds. As Lynch was world champion in both fights, they could not be eliminators for the right to meet Peter Kane who became world champion after Lynch retired.*

**F. MORRIS (St. Helens, Lancs.).**

Q.—Who fought for the vacant world heavyweight title after Gene Tunney retired?

*A.—After Gene Tunney retired undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, an eliminating tournament was arranged whereby Phil Scott met Jack Sharkey in the final eliminator. Sharkey won in three rounds and was matched with Max Schmeling for the vacant heavyweight title, which Schmeling won on a foul in 4 rounds.*

**N. TARBUCK (Quinton, Birmingham).**

Q.—Did Benny Lynch ever meet Rinty Monaghan, if so what was the result?

*A.—Benny Lynch and Rinty Monaghan never met in the ring.*

**D. PRIESTLEY (Barnesley, Yorks).**

Q.—When was Jim Braddock born?

*A.—James J. Braddock was born on December 6, 1905, at North Bergen, New Jersey.*

**BILL WOODS (Woodston, Peterboro').**

Q.—How many world champions have been British? What was Ted Kid Lewis's correct name?

*A.—The following champions were born in the British Isles:—(England): Allen' Bowker, Jackie Brown, Chambers, Fitzsimmons, Kane, Ted Kid Lewis, Turpin, Mills; (Scotland): Lynch, Paterson.; (Wales): Welsh, Wilde; (Ireland): Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, Gardner, McAuliffe, McLarnin, McTigue, Monaghan, Weir. Ted Kid Lewis's correct name is Gershon Mendeloff.*

**KEN THOMAS (Briton Ferry, Glamorgan).**

Q.—Who was it who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring? Some of my pals say it was Luis Firpo, others say it was Jim Flynn.

*A.—Dempsey was knocked out of the ring by Luis Firpo. He climbed back and knocked out Firpo in the next round. Jim Flynn knocked out Dempsey in one round at Salt Lake City on February 13, 1917, but he did not knock Dempsey out of the ring.*

**J. K. ELLISON (Burnley, Lancs.)**

Q.—Did Bruce Woodcock ever fight Olle Tandberg?

*A.—No. Woodcock and Tandberg never met in the ring.*

**G. BATE (Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, Staffs.).**

Q.—Who held the world light-heavyweight title between John Henry Lewis and Billy Conn? From whom did the following fighters win their world titles:—Ken Overlin, Benny Leonard, Al Singer, Kid Kaplan, Charley Rosenberg, Jimmy Wilde?

*A.—After John Henry Lewis, an elimination tournament for the light-heavyweight title was arranged, with Melio Bettina and Tiger Jack Fox as the survivors. Bettina won the title by stopping Fox in 9 rounds. Billy Conn then defeated Bettina to become champion. Ken Overlin won the New York State version of the middleweight title from Ceferino Garcia; Benny Leonard won his title from Freddy Welsh; Al Singer from Sammy Mandell; Kid Kaplan became featherweight champion when he won an eliminating tournament following the retirement of Johnny Dundee; Charley Rosenberg from Eddie Cannonball Martin; Jimmy Wilde became the first world flyweight champion, beating the Zulu Kid.*

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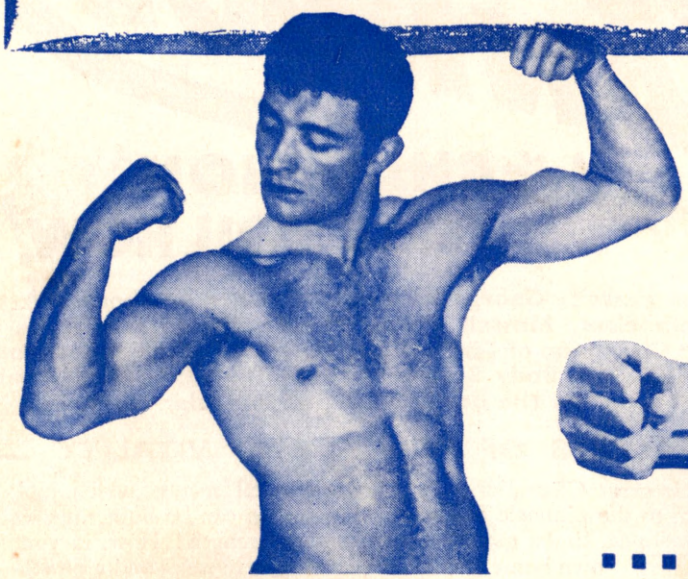

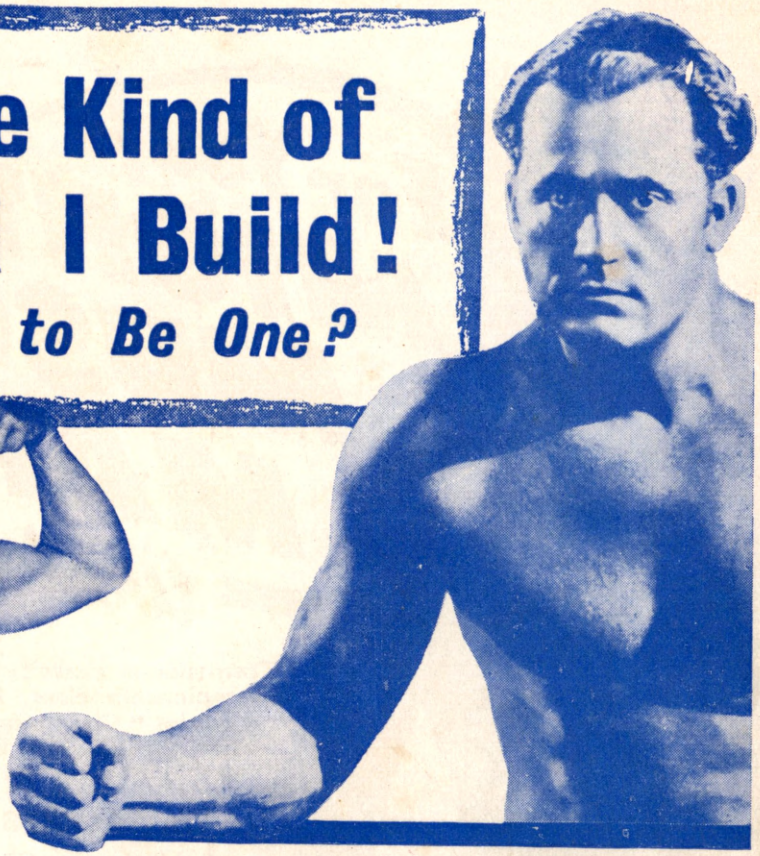

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